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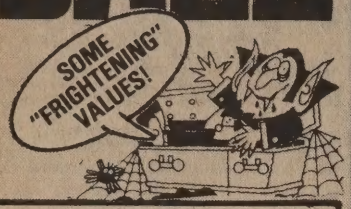

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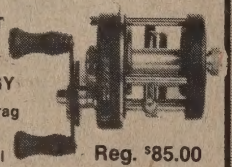

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PROCESS TO DEVELOP WEAKFISH MANAGEMENT PLAN BEGINS

This October, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission will meet. Among the topics for discussion will be whether or not to set in motion the process of developing recommendations for the states on weakfish management. There appears to be a growing tide of sentiment from representatives and fisheries managers up and down the coast that weakfish management is needed. New York's own Senator Owen Johnson, a representative to the ASMFC, is very interested in getting the ball rolling on weakfish management and one of his priorities at the October meeting will be to do just that.

Of course, The Long Island Fisherman is very much involved. We have prepared a rather lengthy document for Senator Johnson that includes background information on recent cycles of weakfish, the biology of weakfish and some recent research data that indicates the stock structure of the species (**Cynoscion regalis**) is a good deal more complicated than had been thought just a few short years ago. In addition, we have scoured the countryside and spoke with many of the best fisheries managers in the field today, asking them how best to manage weakfish. They have provided some very interesting ideas and The Long Island Fisherman has summarized these for the Senator and added in a few ideas of our own that we believe are creative and significant.

There is no doubt that weakfish will not be managed overnight. There are a number of complications in the way of an easy solution. For one thing, recruitment to the southern stock of the species appears to be very different from recruitment to the northern stock, and apparently this idiosyncrasy explains in part why we have a "boom or bust" on large fish, while down South the harvests are a bit more stable and the average size of the fish a good deal smaller.

Techniques differ from north to south, and again many more smaller fish are harvested in the south compared to the northern states. In northern mid-Atlantic states, gill nets, haul seines, and pound traps account for the bulk of the commercial catch with trawlers taking more or less from one year to the next. In Southern waters—especially in several states—pound nets account for large harvests and trawls in other states take huge quantities of small weaks. Gill nets and haul seines are generally not factors in the Southern commercial fishery.

However, one of the biggest problems in the South is the destruction of incredible quantities of very small weakfish associated with the shrimp fishery. One report on the period 1969-71 put the "scrap" catch of weakfish in North Carolina at 1,461 metric tons which represented 64 percent of the total landings in North Carolina! The report also indicates that much of this catch is discard. That is, the small fish do not represent sufficient value to making packing and shipping worthwhile for those involved in shrimping. The problem is so massive that during the period cited above, 5.4 pounds of weakfish were caught and discarded for every pound of shrimp caught!

A further complication is that in southern waters there is a market for very small weakfish. These fish are shipped for packaging as pet food. Thus, when one combines the total waste involved in the shrimp fishery and the use of this valuable resource for the dubious purpose of pet food, we can begin to appreciate how these large harvests in southern waters of small fish can severely impact on the stocks. Before the pet lovers out there jump all over my case, let me say this. First, I'm a pet lover and we own a dog who eats dog food. Second, the use of trash fish for pet food makes sense especially if those so-called trash fish have no human market value and are abundant. However, there is no way that anyone can consider weakfish a trash fish and no way that weakfish should be used to make pet food just because they're too small to find a market for human consumption. The use of weakfish in this manner represents a blatant waste of a most important and valuable resource.

Thus, the directed fishery for small weakfish in southern waters must stop. The argument that this fishery is traditional should not be given any validity by those who will develop the plan. The economic value of larger fish, both to commercial and recreational users, is so large (amounting to billions of dollars of direct and indirect value) that this practice must be stopped. The consumer has an interest in this too. When the species cycles up and down so sharply, the consumer is caught between a short period of high availability and low prices, and a long period of low availability and high prices. Management will stretch out good year classes and thus make weakfish available to the consumer on a more stable basis and at a more stable price. Weakfish represent high quality protein. The fish is excellent table fare. It is a versatile fish that can be adapted to many cuisines. Finally, so far no one has offered

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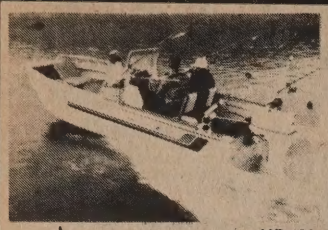

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The Metropolitan Chapter will maintain this active record in conservation, while also providing some of the more traditional activities of a fishing club. During the winter, HRFA plans to sponsor a number of informative clinics, which will include such subjects as striper fishing in the Hudson, bucktail molding, and fly tying. Other suggestions for club projects have been made, and these will be discussed at our membership meetings. Such activities include:

1. A striped bass fishing tournament in the Hudson.
2. Club fishing trips.
3. The scheduling of speakers on various topics at our monthly meetings.
4. A project involved in providing fresh Hudson River shad to the needy in New York City.

In addition to discussing the above projects, at our first meeting (November 1st) John Cronin of HRFA will be on hand to discuss the role of the RIVERKEEPER, HFRA's own 25 foot research/patrol vessel. The Riverkeeper was launched in May, 1983, and is involved in several projects which rnage from helping scientists conduct research on the river, to monitoring use and abuse of the iver. John will tell of his exploits on the Hudson and will outline some of the activities in which the Riverkeeper will be involved next year.

As with our other chapters, anyone with suggestions or ideas is welcome to participate in the planning of various activities. If you'd like to help, or if you just want to attend some of the clinics, come to one of our meetings, or write to us at: HFRA-Metropolitan Chapter, P.O. Box 7 Inwood Station, New York, NY 10034.

The first meeting of the Metropolitan Chapter will be on November 1, 1983 at 8PM, at The Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew. The church is located on West End Avenue and 86th Street, one block west of Broadway in Manhattan.

LADY REELERS MAKE PRIME TIME TV

The Lady Reelers, Long Island's first all women's fishing club will be on national television Saturday, October 29th at 7PM on Channel 4. The segment to be aired will show the women reeling in the ones that didn't get away and maybe a few that did.

LONG ISLANDERS GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK OUT ON BOATING SAFETY

Many more people have discovered the pleasures of operating boats on New York's waterways. This has been particularly true of Long Island which is surrounded by the glistening ocean and many bays. The increased popularity of boating has caused a rapid escalation of boating accidents in recent years.

Assemblyman Vincent Graber, Chair of the Assembly Standing Committee on Transportation has announced a series of statewide public hearings to be held on boat safety. The first hearing will be held at the Suffolk County Legislative Building (Building #20), in Hauppauge on Thursday, October 27th at 10AM. Assembly Speaker Stanley Fink and Chairman Graber invite all boaters, anglers, law enforcement officials and interested persons to participate in the hearing.

The purpose of the hearing will be to gather comments and suggestions on boat safety, as well as boat thefts which has also become a serious problem.

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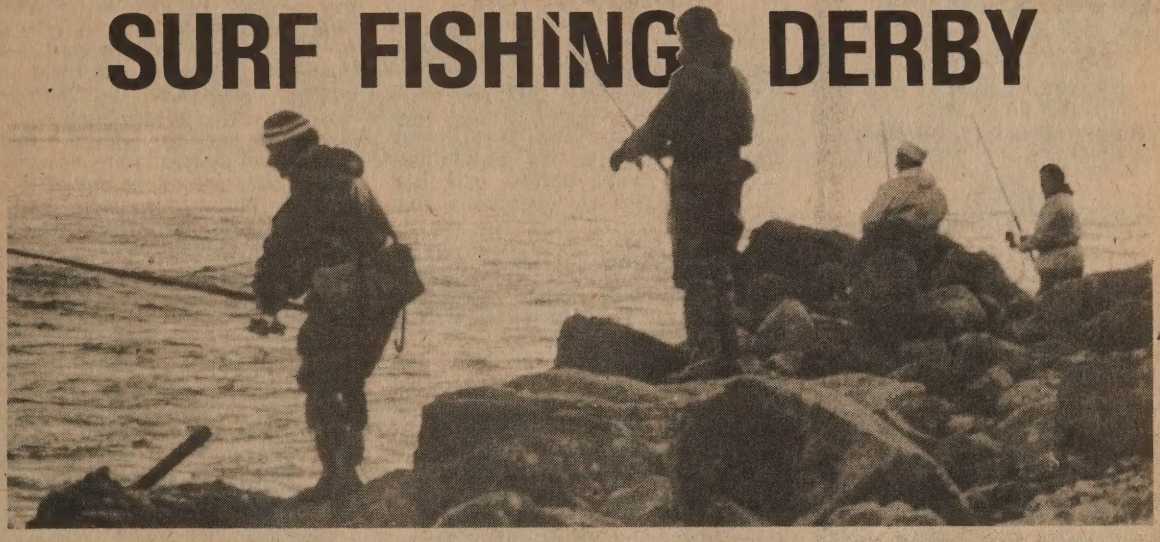

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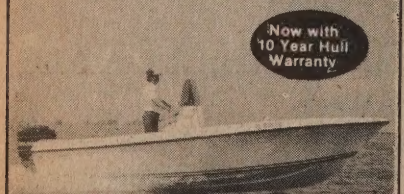

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Far from feeling sorry for myself, I consider myself a lucky man because I didn't do it alone. I had a lot of help and would like to thank all our staff at The Fisherman as well as Fred and Doc for their cards, prayers, and words of cheer, with an especial thanks to Fred and Doc for those phone calls when I was laying there, feeling blue. I was amazed at all the cards I received from our readers and would like to thank each one. Frank Woolner, Senior Editor of Salt Water Sportsman kept up a steady stream of correspondence, and I was welcomed home on my first day back by none other than our own Old Timer, Matt Ahern.

The medical staff, nursing corps, technicians, attendants, and everyone at Montefiore Hospital were simply super human beings and deserve a special thanks, as does my beautiful bride, Eileen, and the rest of my family, who rallied around me in my time of need. Each and every one mentioned here helped me to make it through—and I could not have done it without each and every one of them either.

My heartfelt thanks to all, *Andy Regina, (back 'On the Road Again!')*

GOOD SPOTS NEAR HUNTINGTON

My son-in-law and grandson bought a small boat, outboard engine, to fish out of Huntington Harbor.

They have had very little or no luck. Do you have an issue, or maps of fishing spots within an hour or two of Huntington Harbor. I assume the fish out of the area include flounder, blackfish, fluke, striped bass, bluefish and weakfish and porgy.

I will order any back issue, or maps that identifies the fishing grounds for these fish.

May I hear from you. Thank you. *Al West, Garden City, NY*

Often we get letters from people whose requests handcuff us because the questions are so specific. In this case, you've given us enough rope to dangle.

There is no need to travel several hours from Huntington because there are very good opportunities in the Huntington area. However, if you wish to explore, the possibilities are endless. Let's concentrate on Huntington. I think this is one of several of the best fishing spots on Long Island. Yes, all the species you mention can be caught there. Let me give you a brief rundown and then I'll pass you and your son-in-law the ball to run with.

Flounder: Lloyd Harbor—April, May, October, November. Blackfish: Eaton's Neck Buoy 11B. October and November best with green crabs. Fluke: rip currents and sand bars between Lloyd Neck and Smithtown Bay, July and August. Bluefish: You have to be kidding. They are everywhere from August into November. Striped bass are scarce but there are some if you want to work hard at Eaton's Neck, Ashroken, Marshall Fields, Target Rock. Porgies are good along most of the shore line and on the shellfish beds throughout the area.

Now that I've whetted your appetite, I suggest you consult with one or more of the fine tackle stores in your area. They advertise in The Fisherman and we know they'll be glad to help you out with specific tackle, baits, tides, and seasons. Best of luck. Dr. W.A. Muller.

CAN I GET THIS REEL FIXED??

Can you please help me? I am a subscriber of yours for 20 years now, and I have a favor to ask of you. I have an old reel I have had a lot of fun with and the other day while cleaning it, the drag went—broke—and I lost the drag spring. I would like to have this reel repaired. There used to be a reel repair shop upstate that repaired all reels regardless of age. Do you know it, or do you know a place locally where I can have it repaired.

My reel was made in France; it is a Marque Deposee; the drawing tells what's missing. Cordially, *Tony.*

Your diagram and descriptions notwithstanding, I feel a bit uncomfortable giving your advice for many reasons. Perhaps one of the most important reasons being the availability or lack thereof of the part in question for the reel you have. I suggest that you call the tackle shops along the south shore and explain your problem. Many of them have large reel parts inventories and many are also experts at repairing reels. If one or the other them thinks he can help you, you can take the reel into the shop and find out within minutes if there is a solution to your problem. It isn't that we are lazy, but we always encourage readers with similar problems to consult local pros. Sure, I have 30 or 40 reels and most of the staff has somewhere a similar number of reels. But that's only a drop in the bucket. The people at the better tackle shops have their fingertips on the pulse-beat of fishing tackle state-of-the-art in design, use, and repair. They are the people to see first! Dr. W.A. Muller.

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RHODE ISLAND EXTENDS BAN TO THREE YEARS

—— by Dick Russell ——

A standing-room-only crowd spilled out into the hallway, reporters scribbled furiously and a TV news camera zeroed in on the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council. There was but one item on the October 4th agenda in Wakefield—the striped bass. And the beleaguered Council, at Governor J. Joseph Garrahy's request, was considering a possible compromise concerning its statewide one-year ban on **all** striper fishing, a decision which had astounded everyone a month earlier.

But after three hours of debate, a proposal which would have allowed fishermen to keep one bass per day over 24 inches was voted down. Instead, the total ban was not only upheld, but increased to **three** years.

How and why did this happen? The remarkable controversy over the fate of striped bass fishing in Rhode Island—and all along the Atlantic coast—is not likely to soon fade away. But before we examine this latest turn of events, it is crucial to look at some of the developments that transpired before the Council meeting.

On September 22, federal officials and scientists had gathered in Washington to assess the latest data in the Congress' $5 million Emergency Striped Bass Study. Unfortunately, the scientists have not yet been able to come up with a definitive reason for the drastic decline in the Chesapeake Bay population, which comprises 90 per cent of the migrating coastal bass. But there was unanimous agreement among the experts that the bass' situation is **not** improving, and that fishing pressure must be limited as much as possible if the species is to survive at all.

Then, on the same day as the Rhode Island Council meeting, Maryland announced the dire results of the 1983 young-of-the-year survey of striper reproduction in the Chesapeake. The average number of juvenile striped bass found in seine samplings by Maryland biologists on the Bay rivers was 1.4—the second lowest figure in the survey's 30-year history. This means that, in three of the last four years, the young-of-the-year total has been at a critical level: 1.9 in 1980, 1.2 in 1981. Only in 1982, when the survey reached 8.4, was there any sign of improvement. (The 30-year average index has been around 10.)

Simultaneously, Maryland Governor Harry Hughes issued a press release stating "it is imperative that additional conservation measures" be adopted. The Governor called for his Department of Natural Resources to draw up a new management plan for the entire coast. This plan, which will go beyond the 24 inch minimum coastal limit recommended in 1981, will be considered at the next meeting of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Council, in Rockport, Maine on October 25.

While the new coastal plan had not yet been finalized at the writing, Rhode Island Fisheries Chief John Cronan obtained the preliminary proposals from Maryland officials and read them at the Council meeting. Along the coast, Maryland will seek a 24 inch limit with **no** by-catch under that size, as well as a five-fish-per-day creel limit over 24 inches for recreational fishermen and a total prohibition on spring fishing in ocean waters for all states. Within the Chesapeake Bay, there would be a ban on **all** striper fishing during the spawning season; anchor gill nets would be prohibited from the spawning areas at **any** time, and pound nets would be outlawed from January to May.

While this falls short of a total Chesapeake closure on bass fishing, as had been rumored, Maryland Fisheries director Dr. George Krantz told this writer by telephone that the proposals would "result in probably an 85 percent reduction in catch by Maryland's commercial fisheries."

In other words, Maryland's watermen are going to bite the bullet. And Maryland's Governor is making it a personal crusade to convince his counterparts in other states to take similar strong action. Failing state action, Dr. Krantz says he is prepared to ask the federal government to step in.

Clearly, it is an eleventh hour situation for the Chesapeake bass population. In other Bay area sampling during last spring's spawning season, a fair number of two and three-year-old stripers were found. But practically **no** fish between three and 14 years old seemed to exist. As Cronan put it, "they just figure they haven't got a mother lode coming along to do any spawning."

As for the 24 inch minimum size limit, new studies by Dr. John Boreman of the National Marine Fisheries Service indicate that it simply isn't a strong enough conservation measure. According to Dr. Boreman, 80 percent of the eggs are produced by seven to nine year old stripers in the 30 to 35 inch size range. Therefore, only 20 percent of the total egg production comes from fish 24 inches and under.

With all this in mind, let's return to Rhode Island. The Council meeting began with sport fishing spokesman Will Barbeau introducing a startling new set of figures regarding Rhode Island's commercial harvest last year, as supplied to him in a letter from Dr. Boreman. For some time, the three trap-net fishermen on the Council have been asserting that Rhode Island's percentage of the coastal catch is a miniscule 1.7 percent. Yet in 1982, reports Dr. Boreman, the Ocean State's commercial fishery accounted for nearly **12 percent** of all the bass sold along the Atlantic Seaboard. Maryland and Virginia, the two Chesapeake states, had a combined total of just over 25 percent.

Another excuse that Council members have used to justify keeping the net fishermen at a 16 inch minimum size is a 1978 study indicating the ratio of the Rhode Island striper catch as 93 percent rod-and-reel and only 7 percent by net. This, too, is an obsolete figure. At the least, admitted John Cronan, for the past several years it's been a 50-50 split.

Last year, Rhode Island's commercial landings of stripers totaled 256,000 pounds. George Mendonsa, Council member and the state's number one trap-netter, conceded that he hauled in 65,000 pounds of that total. Remember that the net fishery subsists almost entirely on under-24-inch stripers, including a substantial and growing gill netting industry.

There was considerable speculation at the Council meeting, too, that the commercial figures submitted in earlier years to the National Marine Fisheries Service may be far from accurate. Fred Thurber, a young computer scientist from Providence who has analyzed the catch data, indicated that up until 1982 almost **all** of the fish caught by Rhode Island gill netters and commercial rod-and-reelers were sold out of state. Many went to Westport Seafoods in Massachusetts, which paid about a dollar a pound higher than the fishermen could get in Rhode Island before it went out of business last year.

Take 1980, for example. Rhode Island's commercial harvest is officially listed at 20,000 pounds. Yet, as Thurber pointed out, "That fall, there were rumors about hundreds of boxes of small bass being shipped by gill netters out of Sakonnet. The state figures show a total of only 3,000 pounds caught by gill netters that year. There's something wrong here. The list of incoming fish at Fulton Fish Market in New York shows a shipment from Massachusetts during that time frame of 50,000 pounds. Somebody told me that 340 boxes of that was really from Rhode Island."

Thurber also cited inconsistencies in the 1981 figures. Mendonsa shipped an admitted 130,000 pounds of bass that year, largely to the Fulton Market. "But I checked the Fulton list of incoming fish from Rhode Island for October and November of '81," says Thurber, "and didn't see anything **close** to that figure."

As the Fulton Market is known to be dominated by organized crime interests, record-keeping might not be expected to be on the up-and-up. But all these discrepancies clearly reveal that Rhode Island's commercial fishery has played a far larger part in the coastal picture than the Council had chosen to believe. As Barbeau summarized the statistic picture, "To use Mr. Manchester's 1.7 average to try to establish Rhode Island's true rate of harvesting amounts to the same logic as refusing to help a drowning man because his lifetime swimming record has been good."

Okay, having established that Rhode Island's striper regulations are **more** important than just a symbolic gesture, let's go back to the heart of the matter. Robert Bendick, head of the State's Department of Environmental Management, began the discussion of what to do about the total ban by reading aloud a letter from the Governor. "I'm writing to express my concern regarding the recent action of the Marine Fisheries Council," Governor Garrahy began, calling the ban "an exceptionally far-reaching restriction" and urging the Council "undertake careful reconsideration of its action." The Governor concluded: "I am confident that, whatever action is adopted, the Council's principal objective in this matter will be the safeguarding, within Rhode Island's capabilities to do so, the enjoyment of future generations."

Louis Othote, a representative of the sport fishing community on the Council, then suggested a compromise—establishing the 24 inch minimum size limit across-the-board, and allowing any fisherman to keep one or two larger stripers per day. In effect, Othote said, his proposal would eliminate commercial fishing for bass, but would still give citizens or tourists an opportunity to keep a fish for dinner or as a trophy.

The debate proceeded from there. The net fishermen, both on the Council and in the audience, clearly

opposed Othote's proposal. Their rationale, of course, was that giving up the under-24-inch fish would put **them** out of the bass business (an estimated 90 cent of the net-caught bass are the small fish). They viewed the total ban as an "equal sacrifice" by all. Mendonsa clearly mistrusted the rod-and-reelers' integrity, saying: "The man who gets into bass, catches one fish and quits for the night, I'd like to meet and shake his hand."

Several important considerations were raised. The Council, under state law, has no authority to impose a no-sale restriction on a marine species. It can only recommend that such action be taken by the State Legislature. As for enforcement, Rhode Island officials asserted that, while a violation of the law would be a misdemeanor carrying a fine up to $500, there was no means of checking a dealer's fish boxes without a warrant.

"We don't have the resources to track stripers through the marketplace," admitted Bendick. "We're stretched thin now, and it's hard enough just to enforce a possession law by watching boats that come ashore. If we are that concerned about going after the marketplace, we should ask the legislature to prohibit sale."

"The recreational fishermen, if we allow any fish to be kept, would have to police their own ranks," Othote counseled. At that, Mendonsa retorted: "The number of fish being sold can **never** be enforced. A fellow can catch a dozen fish and spread 'em out through the markets."

From the fishing audience, some apt comments ensued. One Said:

"Why not let the biologists deal with the problem, give them the time they need? All I'm hearing is dollars and cents, how much one person makes or how many fish he caught. Are we really concerned about the fish? It seems like we're all concerned with our pocketbook and to hell with the future!"

Another said: "We'd all like to cure cancer tomorrow, too, but it's gonna take a little bit longer. To cure the bass problem will, too. I say, take the price off the fish and bend the barb of the hook!"

Applause greeted that statement. Almost unanimously, sport fishermen favored Othote's strong, but not absolute, proposal. As Othote put it, "For a change I would like to Rhode Island to make some history instead of reading about it. What I'm suggesting is certainly not contrary to the State/Federal plan, it goes well beyond it and is a real positive aggressive move."

With that, Othote made his motion: the 24 inch across-the-board minimum, **one** fish per day allowed over that size, a regulation that would be self-renewing until scientific research showed a change in the striper situation. "This is a proper, realistic, credible thing to do," said Joe Dawson, the other sport fisherman on the Council, in seconding the motion. "I just hope the commercial contingent on the Council considers this and doesn't go for an eye for an eye way of thinking."

Before the vote was taken, DEM's Bendick was reminded that he is only supposed to vote in case of a tie. Last time, Bendick had voted against the obviously spiteful move by the commercial netters. Tonight, he replied: "I personally feel it's a cop-out for me to sit here on the fence, that I have an obligation to let people know where I stand. Evidently, by the rules, I can't do that. So I won't vote."

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Now Mendonsa spoke up again. "When the legislature formed this Council, they said there must be at least two commercial men on it. But the four commercial men on this Council have conflict-of-interest charges against **all** of us. This means we are not legally on the Council right now."

It was true that charges had been **filed** with the state's Conflict-of-Interest Commission against Mendonsa, Francis Manchester, Bob Smith and Michael Parascondolo after the September ban was voted. An investigation was said to be proceeding, but by law was a confidential matter. As far as anyone knew, no decision had yet been rendered.

"I think it has," said Mendonsa, apparently seeking to head off another vote. "I don't believe there has been a judgment of conflict-of-interest against four members of this Council," said Bendick. And so the vote proceeded.

Othote and Dawson raised their hands in favor of the new compromise motion. So did Smith, who had voted for the total ban in September. On the other side of the fence, as expected, Mendonsa, Manchester and Parascondolo all voted against any compromise. This left the swing vote to Dr. Saul Saila, a fisheries biologist from the University of Rhode Island. It was 3-3, and Dr. Saila was the "wild card."

Earlier in the meeting, Dr. Saila had read a prepared statement. He had begun by explaining his absence from the last two Council meetings, noting "I was in Malaysia and the People's Republic of China as a scientific adviser and lecturer on fisheries, at the invitation of those governments." He had then described his lengthy telephone discussions with Dr. Boreman, concerning the dearth of older female stripers on the spawning grounds and the majority of eggs being produced by the older bass. He had concluded: "At this time, the consensus of the experts is that the greater the restrictions, the greater the benefit to the striped bass."

But Dr. Saila had refused to reveal where he personally stood on the question of the night. Now, in a move that stunned many in the room, he raised his hand in **opposition** to Othote's compromise measure. The new motion failed, 4 to 3, and the total ban remained.

Since only a year ago, Dr. Saila had sided with the commercial netters in voting to maintain the same old 16 inch minimum size limit, many people questioned his motivation. Did he really consider the striper situation so much more critical now, or was he siding with Mendonsa and company for other reasons?

But in a long telephone conversation the following day, Saila's action did seem sincere. As he explained his vote, "I realize that if sport fishermen were allowed to keep a bass, it would not count for much. But our Council has no authority to prohibit the sale. I could see in my mind's eye a large number of fish for sale in a market, with no mechanism to determine how they got there or to truly enforce the regulation. A store owner might have 1,000 bass and allege that they came from 1,000 fishermen. It was a loophole big enough to cause a significant enforcement problem and make a mockery of what needs to be accomplished. I am honestly convinced that this action clearly indicates we are concerned about the fish. I was not there at prior meetings to know exactly what the motivation of others on the Council might have been. But I had no recourse other than to act upon my convictions."

Dr. Saila added that, for him, the situation **is** drastically different from a year ago. At that time, the "circumstantial evidence" indicated that the Rhode Island trap fishery was catching primarily Hudson River-born bass. The Hudson population isn't in nearly the same straits as the Chesapeake; indeed, this year's hatch was considerably higher than 1982. But Dr. Saila's own study last winter showed a 50-50 breakdown between the Chesapeake and Hudson stocks migrating through Rhode Island. This fact, says Saila, forced him to alter his scientific opinion.

As for the 24 inch limit, Saila added: "The 24 inch limit will help, but it alone doesn't guarantee what the biologists are looking for—enough females to assure a successful year class when environmental conditions permit. I have no axe to grind. I acted on the best information available. And I certainly hope each state will consider seriously imposing more restrictive legislation if indeed they are interested in the survival of the fish. This is where I feel the feds should take a strong stand."

But if Dr. Saila acted for the right reasons, the motivation of the three commercial netters remained highly suspect. Call it spite, or call it frustration, their attitude seemed little different from the month before. So Joe Dawson, admittedly frustrated himself, raised the stakes at the Council table.

"I want to make another motion," he announced. "What we have now as a regulation allows no taking of striped bass for one year. I move that this apply for **three** years!"

"Parliamentary roulette," someone in the audience was heard to whisper. A murmur of surprise swept through the room, but there was a curious new feeling as Dawson abruptly changed the rules of the netters' game. A feeling of admiration for Dawson, because he'd suddenly taken what had been a mockery and he'd made things **real.**

Othote seconded Dawson's motion. Then Dr. Saila spoke again. "It **would** be on the order of three years before we begin to see any substantial improvement in the striped bass fishery. This is a biological fact."

Another vote was taken. Othote, Dawson, Smith and Saila all voted in favor of increasing the striper ban to three years. Mendonsa, Parascondolo and Manchester all **abstained.** The three-year ban carried, 4 to 0, effective January 1, 1984.

Dawson, contacted by telephone the next evening, elaborated on the reasons behind his move. "It's kind of hard to put in words, it's such a mixture of things. The one-year ban was just a ploy. The commercial guys' backs were to the wall and they said okay, we'll do something on a year basis and hope it blows over and then go back to business as usual. I didn't like the way that was done. So I figured I'd take 'em up on it, but let's **really** go with it and **apply** it. If we're gonna do this, let's make a real commitment. My main concern is the fish. Economics, you consider it as you can. But if there's one thing that's right to do, you have to go that way.

"I think we're still gonna have real problems with a black market, people selling out of state in Massachusetts and Connecticut. The temptation will be very large, and people know that the conservation officers are spread thin. But if they do get caught, it's a violation of federal law under the Lacey Act, and that carries heavy penalties."

After the final vote, there remained one more crucial issue for the Council to address: gill nets. Othote asked that this be the key subject at the next meeting in November. "I propose that gill nets be taken out of the water entirely for certain periods of the year when the bass migrate—something like April 1 to June 1, and September 1 to December 1. There could be no gill nets inshore at these times, because I don't want to see a bass killed. As for times when gill nets are in the water during the summer taking bluefish or squeteague, they must have a mesh size that allows the under 24 inch fish to go through them and escape."

The meeting ended on that note. Bendick was clearly upset at the commercial contingent, overheard demanding of Manchester "what are you trying to do to me?" Nobody could say what the reaction from the Governor's office might be. Almost for sure, there will be a continued re-evaluation of the makeup of the Council.

But what's happened in Rhode Island has forced a lot of people to re-evaluate a lot of things. The interest in the striped bass, and the necessity for saving it, has never before been in the consciousness of so many. Every fishermen has been forced to examine his own conscience and motivations. As Will Barbeau stated afterwards, "At the previous meeting, I was infuriated. But I didn't feel angry this time. If we've got to give up fishing for bass to keep these netters from slaughtering them, if that's what it takes, then that's what we've got to do. It's the most, after all, that we can do for the bass."

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ON LOCATING GAMEFISH

by Andy Regina

Veteran anglers learn through observation, the keys to finding their favorite gamefish.

Perhaps the most common question heard along the saltwater fishing front is, "Where are the fish?" or variations on the same theme. At times, it can be more than a question. Sometimes it becomes a moan and it is often a sob, as frustrated fishermen become paranoid. For the veteran angler who does his homework, this question never enters the mind. Good fishermen are observant fishermen, and school is never out—for any reason. Classes are held every time they go fishing. The more often they go, the more they observe and the more they observe, the more they learn. This will be our attempt to educate the uninformed angler as to what to look for in his search for game fish. To be successful will require hard work and an ability to think rationally each time out. Because of this, we do not hold much hope for this article's success. If half our readers derive any beneficial information, we will be amazed considering the questionable mentality of most fishermen as well as the dubious sanity of the author. If ONE person learns one thing, if ANYONE ever has one good day's catch because of reading this article, our reason for writing would be justified. So here goes fellas, I'm giving you the ball—let's see if you can score!

Locating game fish requires the use of every one of your senses. Sight, sound, and even smell at times, all play major roles towards realizing success; taste and touch are probable factors only on rare occasions. For all intents and purposes, let us primarily concentrate on sight, probably the one most important sense that we have. Sight is the most obviously used and very often the most misused of all the five senses of man. It is by observation that most inshore game fish are located. The only other alternative we have to sight-fishing would be fishing blind. This is done quite often as a rule, when we insist on fishing areas known to be productive in the past, regardless of the fact that there may be no visible signs of game fish in attendance. A case in point might be when you are deep-jigging over an underwater reef or soaking a bait in a slough close by a beach. Merely knowing that game fish are in the area is not necessarily good enough, however; we must still know how to locate these fish—when and where to look for them merely puts us in the arena about the proper time.

The most obvious sign to look for is birds: feeding birds pinpoint feeding game fish. It's as simple as that. Alert fishermen who take advantage of this fact as quickly as possible are generally the ones who end up with the best catches, but it's not that simple either. The truly informed angler inspects the baitfish that screaming, diving birds are clamoring over; it is the bait that tells the story, it is the bait that further determines at what level game fish are feeding. This is what informs the educated angler, who then can present the correct bait or lure at the precise depth, to ensure a greater percentage of strikes. If the bait appears to have been frightened to the surface, common sense dictates you fish shallow—keep the lures on or slightly below the surface. If the bait boils up to the surface wounded or in bits and pieces, get downstairs in a hurry because the fish are feeding deep! In this instance, your depth recorder becomes your eyes, and you are still locating your game fish visually. Our recent success with speed-squidding diamond jigs for bluefish is a direct result of locating game fish visually via depth recorders. It's small wonder that recorders are more commonly known as fish-finders nowadays!

Popping plugs and shallow swimming plugs should work well on surface feeding gamesters, and you would be hard-pressed to find anything better suited to deep water work than diamond jigs. Match the plugs to the size of the bait as best as your can; if that doesn't do the job for you, get outrageously ridiculous! You gotta work fast though because the fish can and will sound suddenly; be prepared for any situation by having several rods rigged and ready beforehand. We consider a minimum of three rigged rods mandatory: one rod pre-rigged with a diamond jig for deep work, one rod rigged with a 5½ inch floating swimming plug (the new Striper Hellcats are ideal here), or a popping plug, and the third rod rigged with something ridiculous. To us, this means an outsized plug, usually colored blaze orange or some outrageous fluorescent, neon-like radiance. This is our heavy hitter when normal plugs strike out, and it often proves to be the difference between success and failure when there is a preponderance of one particular baitfish in the area. Here you hedge your bets by subscribing to both schools of thought concerning lures: we have been bombarded with "match the hatch" theories that could see your lure lost in hundreds or thousands of similar clones, all the same size, shape and color of that lure. Flip-side thinking says present something that game fish cannot help seeing in all that heavy bait traffic, hence the recorded successes of "outrageous" sizes, shapes, and colors.

When you see baitfish shower out of the water, get there in a hurry and start fishing as you glide to a stop on the uptide edge of the school. Those baitfish ain't jumping out of the water just for exercise. Rather it's a desperate attempt to avoid actively feeding game fish and the poor baitfish have no safe place to go but up. And even then, up is not always the safest direction either, especially when voracious bluefish go into their airborne, cartwheeling antics. Fast and furious action can be had if you get a popping plug working immediately.

In calm water, especially in the quiet of early morning or in evening's mellow dusk, you may often see boils upon the surface. This means that some game fish has just taken some bait up high but still below the surface. Usually, the largest swirls are caused by the biggest fish, so cast that popping plug to the largest visible swirl and hold tightly to your rod as you work that plug back slowly, creating as much surface disturbance as possible. You may have to vary retrieves if this does not meet with success, but in most instances you should get instant action right off the bat. The type of swirl can tip you off to the fish that causes it, be it bass, blues, or weaks, 'cause each predator's approach is as different as individual fingerprints—they are each radically distinct. Those wild bluefish usually leap right out of their environment in their impetuous haste, trading water for air and making splashes rather than swirls. If they do cause a swirl, you can usually spot most of the fish because it brings its dorsal fin and often half of its back too, completely out of the water. Striped bass make a U-turn right below the surface without breaking the water, causing more of a boil than a swirl. Weakfish will make that same U-turn, but they usually break the surface with a lazy flap of their broad tails, something no self-respecting bass hardly ever does. You can vary

your retrieve speed accordingly if you know what species is feeding by the character of its calling card: bluefish respond best to rapidly moving lures whereas stripers and weakfish go for slower moving tempters.

Look for different colored patches of water, or ripples not caused by wind or tide; densely packed baitfish can actually be spotted as a dark, moving mass in the water at times and can ripple huge surface areas in their movement. Calm, cloudy days or the grey periods of dawn or dusk present the best opportunities to spot this phenomenon because of the lack of surface glare at those times. Because of this, the wise angler wears Polaroid or polarized sunglasses on the briny, enabling him to improve surface and sub-surface vision. If you are able to determine that this dark, moving mass is indeed a large school of baitfish, try fishing fairly deep because there could possibly be game fish down below, stalking the bait and waiting for the right opportunity to strike. Try bouncing bucktail or plastic tail jigs on the bottom or use a diamond jig (either jigged or speed squidded) to tempt them, or deep diving plugs if fish are not too deep. Should that moving, rippling patch be game fish instead of bait, try tempting them with surface lures—those swimmers, floaters, and poppers that often produce dramatic visual effects.

Visual signs are not the only way to find game fish. When we can't spot them, we seek them out in known holding areas, places which habitually harbor game fish. Inshore waters have many such areas, for many reasons that could include advantageous ambush points, good bait-holding structure, or proximity to traveling routes. Fish in narrow water; currents are faster where water gets funneled into a tight pinch, digging deep channels that abet the game fish's advantage by providing safe traveling routes as they concentrate passing baitfish into much easier to get at areas. Piers, bridges, etc., not only provide food and shelter for a host of baits, but create protective eddies for baitfish when currents are at peak flow. The marine growth on such structures provides nourishment for the bait as the weed growth thereon offers some protection. Game fish usually lurk on the edges of the eddies, feeding on any hapless bait that inadvertently gets swept into the current. Realizing this, the alert angler should further realize that if such is the case, the game fish must then be stationed on the down-tide edges of said eddies, to take advantage of it to the utmost. Position yourself down-tide also, to cast lures to the structure before retrieving them back through the eddies, or anchor uptide and drift baits into a chum slick concentrated on such eddies.

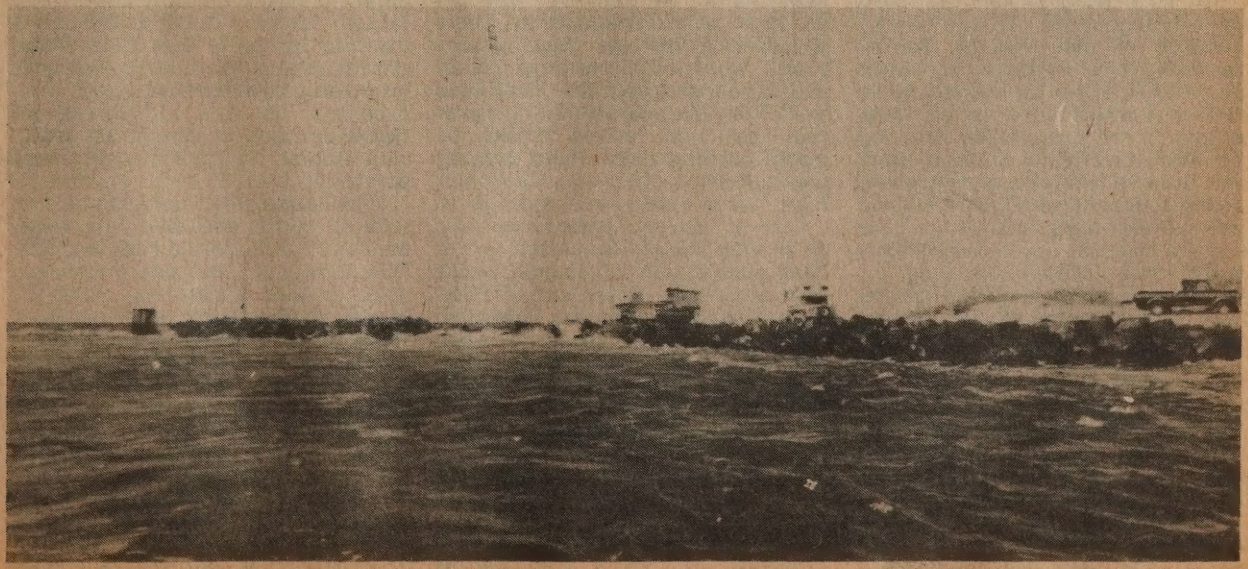
Channels are also prime game fish holding areas. Predators follow channels in and out of the area with each change of tide, taking advantage of the protection afforded them by the deep water while feeding along the way. Though one cannot legally tie-up directly to buoys and channel markers or stay within its confines to fish, you can always anchor on the edge and cast into the deeper water or drift along the seams, which are usually the most productive areas in the first place. At any rate, channels definitely merit your attention and should be on everyone's "must fish" list when we are without visible signs of game fish.

Brackish ponds offer game fish potential, though fish here tend to be on the small side most of the time. Ponds are our saltwater nurseries, harboring a multitude of baits as well as game fish fry of every species. Ponds also offer ultra-light and light tackle buffs hours of fun with school-sized game fish at times. Fish the mouths of these ponds, where they empty into bays or sounds, as game fish are generally positioned on the outer edge, waiting for easy pickings when bait gets flushed out on ebbing tides.

Backwaters are areas where tidal flow is contradictory to main currents, as often occurs directly below obstructions or sharp points. In this instance, baits tend to drop down to the bottom, inviting game fish to follow suit in pursuit of a meal. Now we must fish on the bottom also. If game fish are feeding on the bottom, must we not seek them there? So, use natural baits such as clams or worms, baitfish and even game fish fry (such as live snappers), or lures that can literally bounce on the bottom. Here we once more put the deep stuff to use, the bucktail jigs, plastic-tail jigs, or the diamonds. A winning combo might be a bucktail jig tipped with bait, either a seaworm, strip of squid, or fillet of fish.

The mouths of rivers and creeks emptying into sounds or bays are also excellent game fish-holding areas, simply because of all the foods and nutrients flushed out on outgoing water. Game fish will set up holding areas within such water, especially if camouflaging structure is nearby.

One final non-visual area to explore are our inlets. These are the openings providing access to baitfish and game fish alike, to and from the ocean. Fish the ocean side on outgoing tide and the bay end of inlets during incoming water, as game fish are usually deployed in the same manner at those times. Inlets also witness migrating baitfish and/or game fish too, as each seeks different climes as seasons change. Our ideal situation would be when visible signs of game fish appear in a known game fish area, such as seeing birds working in an inlet. If it happens, get there as fast as you can and start fishing in a hurry—you have definitely located feeding game fish!



South shore inlets are ideal locations in which to find game fish when no visual signs are apparent. Both beach rats and boatmen do well here.

MEET MR. BULLDOG "GAMEST OF ALL"

by Matt Ahern

They won't run, leap, or whack an artificial but many blackfish devotees rank them right up there in the game fish category.

We sinker bouncers are lucky. As our seasons change, there's a continuous supply of bottom feeders from which to choose. That these fish afford us much fun, excitement, and good eating goes without saying. But of all this variety, there's only one fish that experienced anglers consider a game fish.

For sheer spunk, coupled with cunning and strength, the tough, pugnacious blackfish is the one bottom feeder most able to best even the most experienced fisherman. Certainly, that old adage of pound-for-pound, ounce-for-ounce would apply to the blackfish.

Sure, I know blackfish don't leap from the water, nor do they hit artificials, and this, according to the purist, disqualifies placing them in the game fish category. But beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and many times I've wondered, "would minds be changed after battling a ten pounder to the surface?"

Make no mistake about it; fishermen quickly discover blackfish are game, the gamest of all, from the instant the hook is set, until the net is brought into play. The uninitiated angler will quickly realize that here's a fish he's going to earn the hard way—through much trial and effort.

Because of their feeding habits, blackfish are rarely found over open bottom. Actually of all the years I've put in blackfishing (over a half-century), I can't recall ever catching one in any area free of clutter of some sort. But I've surely caught my share around sunken wrecks, rocky ledges, jetties, breakwaters, and pilings. This is where blackfish live because this is where their food, consisting of mussels, barnacles, and small crustaceans such as young lobsters, crabs, and shrimp are found.

Yet, even when these areas are fished, sinker bouncers aren't home-free by any means. This is one type of fishing where the baited hook must absolutely be on target; a move of five or ten feet often spells the difference between success or failure.

Usually, fisherman can plan on finding bigger blackfish in deep water (say 40 to 90 feet), but this is not a hard, fast rule. Several years ago I watched a fisherman land an eleven pounder from six feet of water at the west jetty of Shinnecock Inlet; I've also seen several nine pounders taken in Shinnecock Canal—but, and this is a big "but," always by experienced fishermen. Because of this possibility occurring at any time (usually in the fall), suitable tackle is mandatory.

For the deep water fish, a sturdy rod having plenty of backbone should be used. In shallow water bays and creeks, a medium-weight spinning outfit will get by—but between you, me and that proverbial lamppost, I'd forget the spinning tackle and rely only on conventional gear. Good quality 20 pound monofilament is okay for both ocean and bay.

Because blackfishing is specialized fishing, the hook to use must be considered with care. As far as I'm concerned, there is only one style: the Virginia. This hook has a specially-formed offset barb and point, which ensure quick penetration in the black's tough jaws. A #5 is perhaps best to use for general fishing—it won't miss many small ones and it will certainly land the large ones. It is a strong hook, one that fills the bill. Incidentally, many years ago I knew a grop of fishermen who were blackfish fanatics from the word go. They had an ocean wreck unknown to others (somewhere off the New Jersey coast), which regularly produced 10 and 12 pounders each fall. They used a #2 Virginia exclusively. I never could get those fellows to take me along, but they didn't mind showing me their catch. "Eat your heart out, Matt," they'd say. And I did.

Claw or beak type patterns will also do the job; so will Sproats if you're hard pressed, but long-shanked hooks such as Carlisle, Kirby, and Chestertown should be avoided. Blackfish fairly bristle with suspicion when approaching bait, but the shorter-shanked hooks seem to go unnoticed.

Blackfish love to prowl the most cluttered part of obstructions, therefore carry plenty of extra hooks and sinkers, especially when shore or skiff fishing where replacements aren't to be found. The problem is minor on party boats, for extra tackle is always available. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Use bank sinkers. These tear-shaped weights often slide by snags where flat, or pyramid-shaped sinkers would immediately become "hung-up." Sinker weight will vary, depending on depth of water and strength of current. Two or three ounces in bays and other sheltered areas, and six to eight ounces offshore should do the trick.

It's wise to use one hook when fishing close to wrecks and rocky ledges. This should be tied to the main line about two inches above the sinker. Extra hooks and hardware greatly increase the possibility of fouling. The only reason for using an extra hook in such areas would be whenever there's a chance of landing a cod. Then a 5/0 regular-shanked Sproat on an 18 inch leader can be placed about three feet above the sinker. Bait this hook with a wide slice of skimmer clam. I've won many a pool by doing this.

Bait that has, or has had, a shell around it is welcomed by blackfish. They also dote on sand and bloodworms. Never mind the exotics such as hermit crab. Blackfish love 'em, but then so do bergalls; and I've never found a good place for blackfish which didn't have bergalls in abundance. No bergalls, no blackfish.

Clam is good blackfish bait, but more so in spring than fall. When clam is used at this time of year, say from early November on, it will produce small fish as a rule. The larger blacks are always caught on crab, with fiddler and green crab most popular.

When using green crab, it is best to remove the top shell and legs. Legs are cut off close to the body and the hook is inserted into one of the leg holes. Make sure the point is exposed. Blackfish never notice. When using China-back fiddlers, remove the large claw (if it is a male) and place your hook there. Fiddlers are delicate, so care must be taken not to crush them. If you allow the hook to remain inside the body, the fiddler will live a bit longer.

It takes patience and skill to hook and land blackfish with any degree of consistency. Those blackfishermen who can do this are the elite of the bottom fishing clan—make no mistake about it.

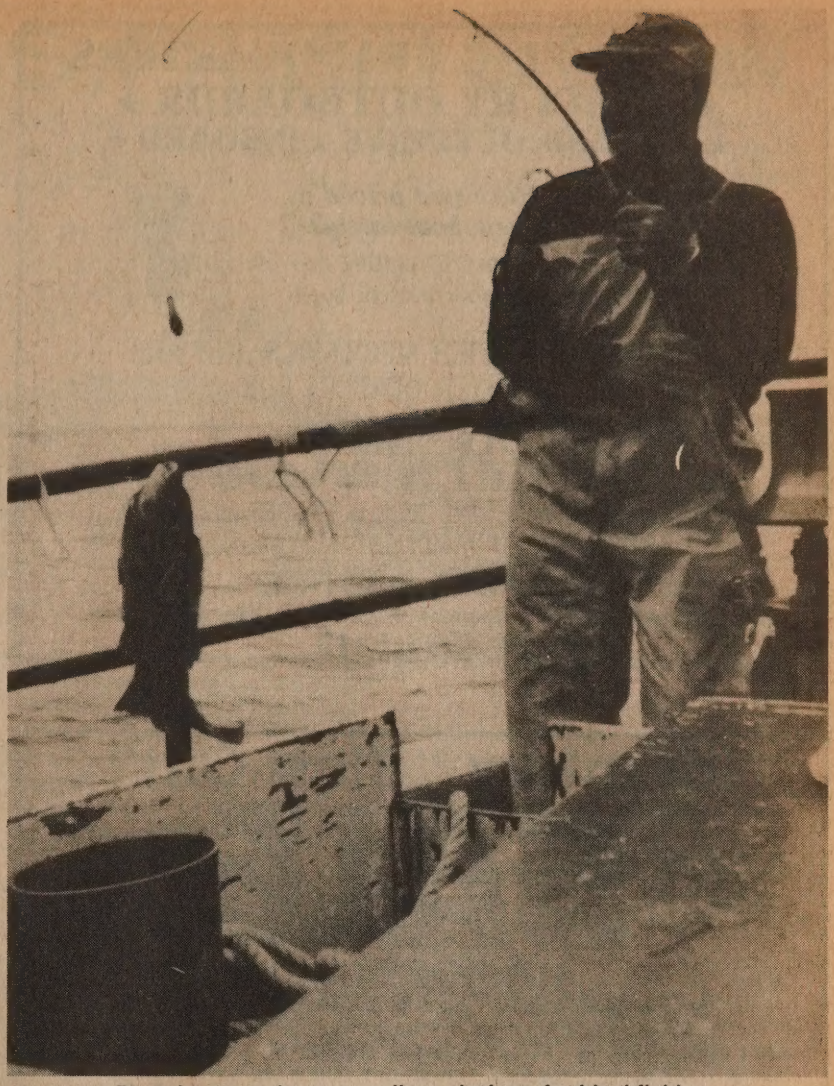
Never attempt to hook your blackfish until a good, solid tug is felt. Let the fish pick (might be a bergall, anyway); when it has passed your bait back to its crusher teeth, you'll know it. That's the time to strike—not before. Then hold on, for if the fish is large, you've got your work cut out for you. The first few seconds decide the outcome. You've got to keep that fish from getting back into the obstruction; this sometimes takes brute strength to do this should the fish be large. Hold the rod high and begin reeling. Don't lower it until you've got that fish at least ten feet off the bottom. If you do—goodbye fish, plus hook and sinker. Once you've cleared the danger zone, the fish is yours; seldom is a black lost because of hook failure. I've seen lines part, but never a hook which dropped out of a black's mouth. That jaw is tough, and the lips like rubber—in fact, it is sometimes difficult to remove the hook once you've landed the fish.

Now you might wonder how I come to know these certain things about blackfish: how they feed, where they feed, etc. You may be sure I didn't get them by reading fishing articles, stories, and so forth. No—I watched blackfish do just those things I've written about.

Let me tell you about it—if you don't mind going back some 55 years, or so. I've written about this before, but it won't hurt to repeat. Its publication always generates a lot of reader response, so don't hesitate to write me if you have questions or comments.

To become a successful blackfisherman, I believe it is necessary to know as much as possible about this fish's life style and feeding methods. The black is a downy bird, indeed. Any fisherman suffering from a chronic lack of patience, or harboring a short temper, is advised to think twice before tackling Mr. Blackfish. This angler is urged to pursue less vigilant fish. Success is sure to come sooner. But on the other hand, should a fisherman desire a method to learn the game as quickly as possible, there is no better teacher than that same Mr. Blackfish.

Much of my early study of blackfish came about through on-the-spot observation, when as a kid, my visits to the old New York Aquarium at Battery Park became a way of life. What an ideal place that was for fishermen with an unquenchable thirst for knowledge. For years, I practically lived there—and it was all free and available seven days a week. (God bless those by-gone days of good old New York City!). You may be certain that for me, this fish-palace was the cause of much hookey playing. It was here where I could devote to my heart's content much time and study to my beloved fish—and in their own environment! What more could a fish-happy kid of tender years want? Blackfish, cod, fluke, sea bass, porgies, all eventually unfolded their "secrets" to me. Just about any kind of bottom fish was available for study—even bergalls!



Party boats make an excellent platform for blackfishing.

Upon entering this fisherman's paradise through its fortress-like doors (which at one time it was), I never allowed the barking of hungry sea lions, the bellowings of mean-temperered alligators, or the comic antics of strolling penguins to distract me in the least. I always headed straight for the enormous saltwater tanks with their huge plate glass windows encircling the walls of both upper and lower floors.

The blackfish tank, probably 10 or 12 feet long, six wide, and five deep, was rock-studded at one end, with patches of open sand where the fish could be observed during feeding time. This feeding schedule was posted directly beneath the tank—you may be certain I made it a point to be there at that appointed time. (Hence the hookey-playing.)

A dozen or so blackfish from one to three pounds (guesstimated weight), plus a cluster of bergalls inhabited the tank and they lived high off the hog when feeding time arrived.

I quickly discovered that these particular blackfish were quite intelligent (for fish, that is). They anticipated their feeding schedule as easily as the higher forms of marine life, such as the aforementioned noisy sea lions. Minutes before the actual feeding, there would be noticeable signs of restlessness. No longer could those blackfish be seen taking their ease by lying upside down, or wedged between rocks, or in any of the thousand and one positions blackfish are known to take while resting. All would be "on their feet," so to speak, peering fixedly from nooks and crannies.

Should the attendant be detained while making his rounds, even the bergalls would put on a display of impatience. This would take the form of peevish bursts of energy extending five or six inches toward the feeding area, followed by a reluctant return to the hidey-hole. They often reminded me of nervous race horses at the starting gate.

Food was always fed from the surface (which couldn't be seen) and was in the form of small crustaceans. These appeared to be green crabs and/or China-back fiddlers; it varied

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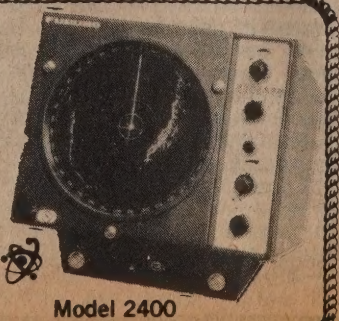

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from day to day. I don't recall ever seeing sliced clam used.

There was no rush as the crabs descended, but the instant they touched bottom, the blacks and bergalls were there, primed to pounce. And here, several interesting things occurred. The bergalls never fed first. They always waited for the leavings. Whether they were afraid of the blackfish, or if this is Nature's way, I can't say; but I do know this happened continuously in the tank. I'm almost certain that this also occurs when in close proximity to each other in their natural environment. In the tank, there were no feeding changes. The largest blackfish ate first—always. No doubt a pecking order exists in the sea as well as in the barnyard. Once the big boys' appetites were sated, the smaller blackfish joined in...but never before.

And now we come to the nitty-gritty. I discovered that the most important aid for us fishermen was in the black's unique method of feeding. It is in this area where we as fishermen can learn much, can gain the knowledge required to "fill that bucket."

Those blackfish never dashed out from their resting place. It was more of a leisurely glide. They would then hover over their intended victims, actually rolling their eyes as they maneuvered for the best angle of approach. They never gulped food in that lightning-swift attack I'd seen fluke and cod make in their respective tanks. Its "attack" was more in keeping with its particular environment, exactly what one would expect from a fish that rarely moves more than a few feet from its feeding area.

The crabs were well aware of their danger, for they would rear on spindle legs and extend tiny claws in defense. This, of course, was what the blackfish waited for. When this happened, they would immediately move in for the kill, and with several rapid-fire nips of those buck-like teeth, they would render their victims defenseless. The crabs were then consumed and passed to the gullet in one quick motion.

This was the distinctive method those blackfish used when feeding. It therefore behooves fishermen to bear this in mind at all times. If there is any "secret" to successful blackfishing, it lies in their feeding method. Never...never...attempt to sink the hook at the first bite. To do so only leads to a completely missed fish, or one lightly hooked. The latter may not matter much if the fish are small, but if it is large there is an excellent chance of losing it. **Always** wait for that solid tug which denotes the fish has taken the hook deeply. You will never lose a blackfish due to hook failure if you wait for that tug.

Before I finish, let me repeat: write me if you have any questions on blackfishing. I'll do my best to help with the best answers I know.

Now—go get those bulldogs; they're out there waiting!

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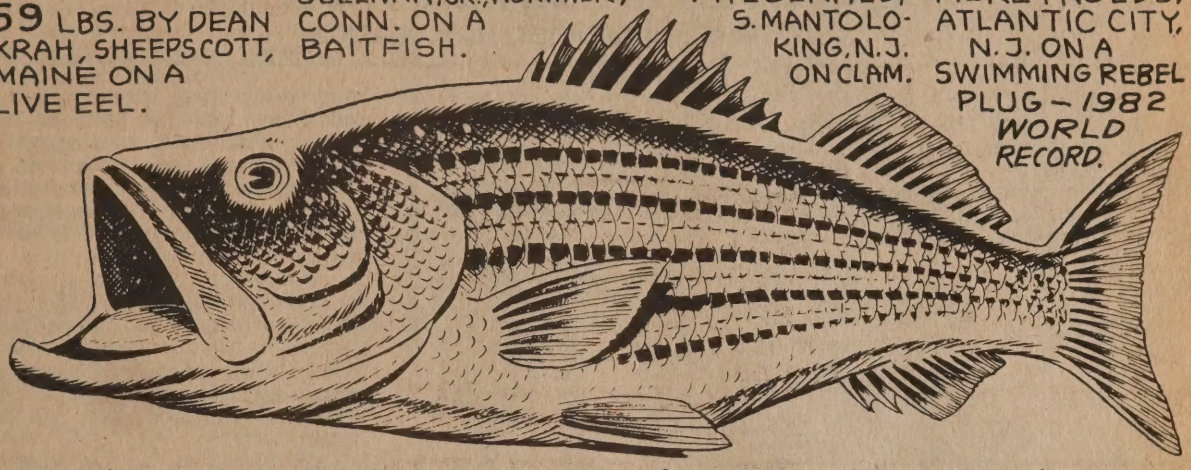

LARGEMOUTH BASS:

9½ LBS. BY JOHN L. HECKLER, BILLINGTON SEA, MASSACHUSETTS ON A TINSEL TAIL LURE.

9½ LBS. BY GENE SINNEMA, PALATINE LAKE, N.J. ON REBEL MINNOW PLUG.

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7 LB. 11 OZ. BY JERRY BLONIGEN, GARDNER LAKE, CONNECTICUT ON A JIG AND UNCLE JOSH PORK FROG.

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6 LB. 10 OZ. BY JACK C. RUDY, CHAUTAUQUA LAKE, IN NEW YORK STATE ON A SOFTSHELL CRAYFISH BAIT.

6 LB. 4 OZ. BY GENE DOHERTY IN LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE, N.H. ON A MOOSE-LUCK SPOON LURE.

5 LB. 1 OZ. BY JOHN SZPAK, HIGHLAND LAKE, CONN. ON SPINNER.

5 LBS. BY SHAWN BALDWIN OF NEW JERSEY IN THE DELAWARE RIVER ON A LIVE MINNOW.

BY FRED GUARDINEER

ISLES OF BLACK

by Capt. Bill Ricca

Lying off of the tip of Long Island's North Fork are a trio of blackfish rich islands.

When someone mentions large East End blackfish in the fall, the thought of Southwest Ledge or Cerberus Shoal usually comes to mind. The Ledge offers a fine mixture of medium cod and really outsized "bulldog" blacks and Cerberus Shoal, which lies a little over five miles due north of Lake Montauk, provides good blackfishing and even some late season porgy action. But what about the islands to the Northwest? Plum Island, Great Gull and Little Gull Island have long been the haunt of Greenport party and charter fleets along with a few boats from Montauk. Here, as in the case of Southwest Ledge (which lies 3/4 of the way to Block Island), is a very productive, but under-utilized fall fishing location of immense proportions. During the month of Novem-

ber, the north side of these rock piles (it is hard to call them islands) produce medium to large blackfish (three to nine pounds, with an occasional 12 pounder) in fantastic numbers.

These islands stretch northeast from Orient Point for a distance of about four miles. The north side of each island seems to be the most productive. In 1982, the fishing was so hot and lasted so long that a few of the Greenport party boats extended their season until nearly Christmas to accommodate eager anglers.

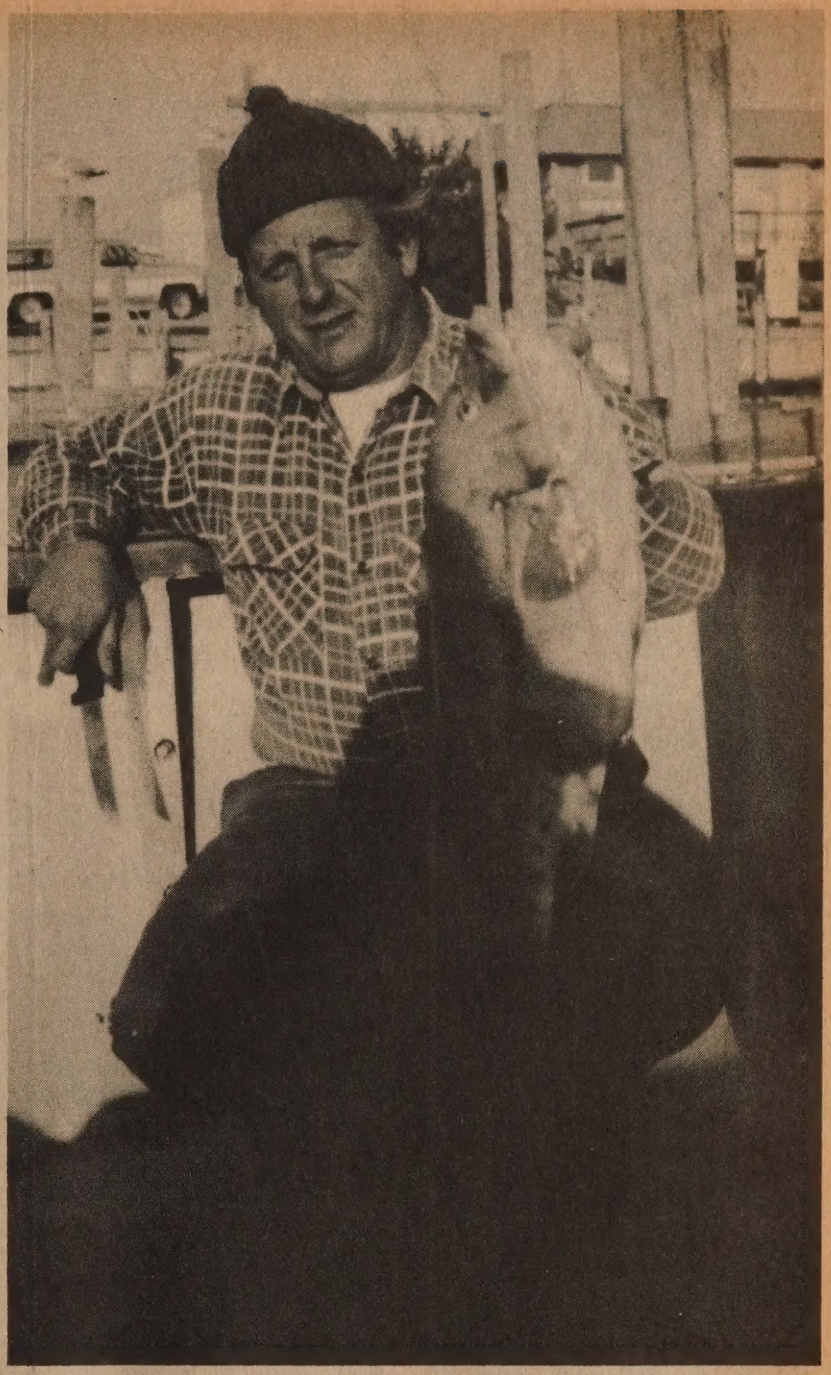
Along with the Greenport boats, a few Montauk charter boats take advantage of this hot fishing for one of the finest tasting and most underutilized fish in our waters. At Montauk, we generally split our time in November between fishing these northerly islands and Southwest Ledge. In my case, the determining factors are the weather and sea conditions at both locations and the availability of cod at the Ledge. If weather conditions are favorable and cod are also available, I'll head for the Ledge. If either tide, wind or general weather conditions are not up to par, I'll head north to the islands, For the most part, fishing here is easier. The water is shallower, sea conditions are usually better and the fish are more numerous, but slightly smaller.

As in the case of Southwest Ledge, green crabs are the best bait unless you can get your hands on some hermit crabs. Conventional tackle with 30 pound test line and a medium to heavy seven foot rod is all that is needed.

The blackfish found here in the islands are usually very aggressive feeders. But, still keep in mind that you should not, I repeat NOT, strike the fish on the first bump. Remember that the green crab you are using for bait is a very hard bait. Blackfish will pick it up, mouth it, then slide it back further into their mouth to crush it. It is during this stage of the game that you should set the hook. Remember that the hardest part of the fight is the first several seconds when the blackfish will attempt to get back down into some hole or crevice, so it is imperative that you turn him and get him coming up.

As an example of the fast and furious fishing available at these islands, let me relate a quick story of a day's fishing there last November.

I had scheduled a blackfish charter for a Saturday in mid-November. On the Thursday night prior to the trip, the party called to postpone the charter for one week due to a sickness in the family. Fortunately, I was able to re-book them for the next week. Since I had already ordered the bait and, knowing from past experience that the fish were there, I made some phone calls and rounded up a few friends for a fishing trip. With such short notice, I was only able to get an affirmative answer from one friend, an experienced Montauk fisherman, Gene Ritter. Since Gene's boat was



Gene Ritter with a fine Little Gull Island tautog.

out of the water for the season earlier than he would have liked, he jumped at the chance. On Saturday morning, in the face of a stiff northwest wind, we headed north towards Little Gull Island. The ride there (12 miles from Montauk) took a little longer than anticipated due to the wind and tide which was in our face all the way. Once there, we anchored up on the northwest side of the island. Almost immediately, we began to bail blackfish...blacks of all sizes: one would be nine pounds, the next four pounds, and so on through the tide.

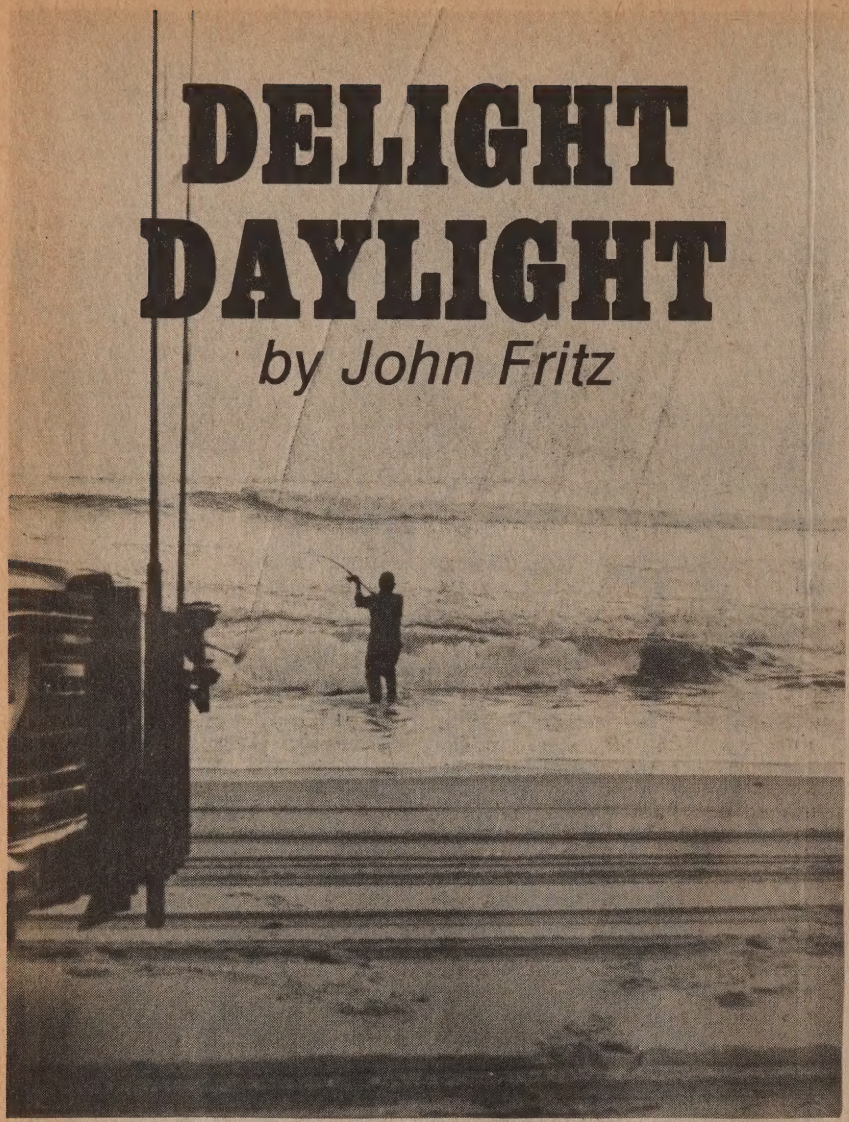
We were using tandem hook rigs and this accounted for many double headers through the last hour of the ebb, and the first half hour of the flood. At that point, it was apparent that the northwest wind was beginning to freshen in the face of the incoming tide. At that point it seemed that it was time to beat our way back to Montauk. In just two hours we accounted for 72 blacks from three to eleven pounds. Not a bad day's catch for two people.

This same action was repeated over and over again in '82 by a few Montauk charter and private boats as well as boats out of Orient and Greenport.

If blackfishing is your thing, consider a late season shot at these island bulldogs.

DELIGHT DAYLIGHT

by John Fritz



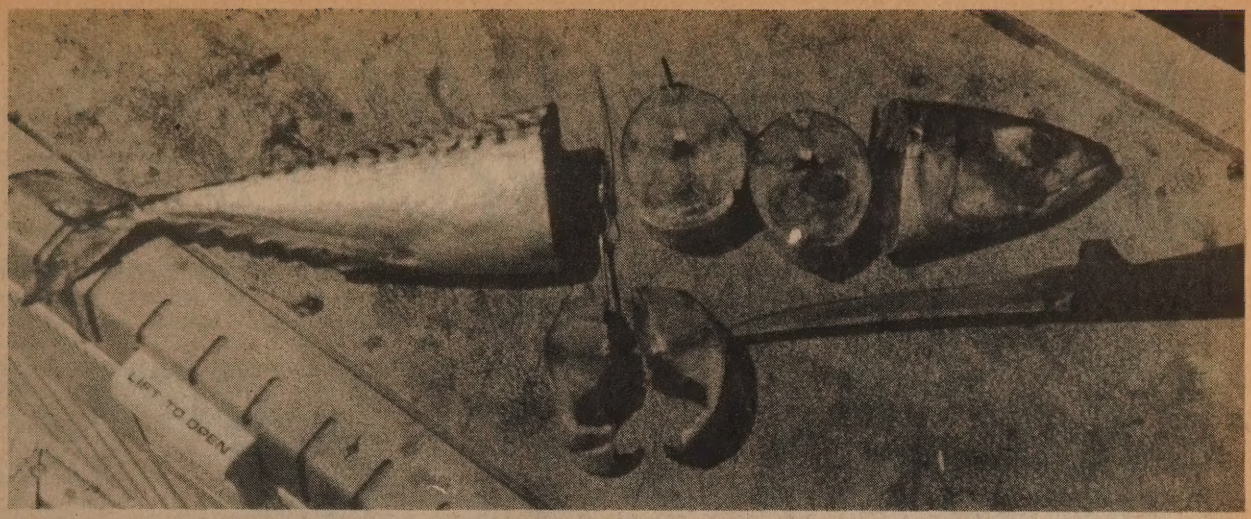
The massive influx of sand eels into our local waters these past years has many area surfmen happy with the present state of affairs. For every angler who is content to use small Rebel type swimming plugs and teasers, there are many more surfmen who long for the days when game fish would readily chase large plugs that imitated butterfish, silver dollar bunker, or some other large-sized bait. While it is true that there are certain occasions when large wooden plugs will cause more than a casual interest among game fish, most notably during the fall migration as it passes Montauk's famed lighthouse, most productive artificials seem to fit the mold of the Rebel type swimmer and teaser, or the tin and tube combination. Even though many surfmen are trying to faithfully follow the theory that the lure should in some manner imitate the baitfish on which the predator is feeding, there are a considerable number of surfmen who give little thought to such fine points of our sport. When monster bluefish dominate the autumn surf scene, these anglers collect their pyramid sinkers, fish finder rigs and sand spikes. With their buckets burdened with bunker, mackerel or live eels they head for the shore where they make good catches of game fish supposedly drawn into the area by the countless numbers of sand eels.

One might wonder what all this had to do in leading up to an article on fishing bait during the prime weeks of autumn. In past seasons many surfmen vying for trophy game fish focused most of their attention during the hours of darkness, with the advent of the sand eel explosion the habits of many surfmen have changed. Whereas in previous years a long and often lonely vigil through the night was needed to produce catches of game fish which would be considered respectable, these same hard-working bottom fishermen can achieve nearly identical results by confining his activities to the hours between sunrise and sunset. The principle reason for this turnabout is due to the preponderance of sand eels which have literally obliterated all other baitfish populations. A species of baitfish which customarily hugs the bottom, inclined to burrow into the sand when threatened by danger. Therefore, the predator was rarely looking for bait near the surface. The sand eel's tendency to conceal itself in the sand explains in part why a major portion of this action took place during the daylight, for once darkness had set in the predator had a difficult time locating sufficient quantities of sand eels to make the effort worthwhile.

With the basic biological reasons for such improved daylight action stated, the remainder of these remarks can be directed towards those anglers who would like to gain a working knowledge of baitfishing along the water's edge. Techniques which will be described in the following lines will be true in a general way, for each beach has its own peculiarities. For instance, on two north shore beaches, which lie less than 20 miles apart, one beach will produce teen-sized bluefish for anglers fishing cut bait at any time during the day in either rain or shine. The other beach, using identical methods to be sure, will not produce decent fish until blackness has descended upon the shore. Even a bright moon in a clear sky will seriously inhibit the fishing results. The reason for this distinction is due to the fact that one beach is comprised of shallow water while the other is relatively deep quite close to shore. The only reason for pointing out this piece of information is to try to show that each segment of the shoreline may contain certain conditions which require a specific approach to successful surf fishing with bait.

In general the entire south shore of Long Island offered consistent daylight action throughout the duration of last year's fine run of migrating fish. True, specific weather conditions, coupled with particular formations in the sandy bottom did produce better results for those anglers who were able to select the days on which to fish and who had the foresight to choose the most likely looking areas in which to cast their bait.

As I have repeated so often, it's those overcast days with just enough onshore wind to give some character to the sea that cannot be beat. I'm sure there are many readers who will vehemently maintain that they have had excellent fishing under a bright sun and when the water was like a mill pond. I agree, I've had several such occasions myself and have also stayed away at other times when the weather conditions were not to my liking only to find out later that those who did fish that day, "blitzed them." One can only play the percentages, otherwise you'll be burning the candle at both ends with little to show for all that effort. On the other hand, if a prospective surf fisherman only has one day a week in which to fish, then he should make every effort to get there no matter what the existing weather conditions. It is difficult for me to understand why an angler is able to get to the beach only once a



Mackerel chunks are at the top of the bait list for many surfmen.

week, for many excellent beaches are within an hour's drive of any point on Long Island. The time spent at the water's edge need not cover the entire day or night, but only an hour or so at the optimum stage of the tide.

Surfmen headed towards the ocean beaches should, if at all possible, come outfitted with heavy duty equipment. This is migration time and game fish, whether they be striped bass, bluefish or weakfish tend to be of impressive sizes. If the fishing is rewarding and the action sustained for any period of time, expect to encounter throngs of eager anglers who desire to partake in the flurry of activity. Many of these novice surfmen will be using borrowed or make-shift gear unsuitable for ocean fishing. Even if they are proficient in its use they will experience difficulties when attempting to drag a hefty fish out of a surging surf. On days when a strong lateral sweep is present, such an angler could interrupt the fishing of his comrades downtide for a long period of time. Surf sticks measuring from 11 to 13 feet in length and capable of casting chunks of cut bait, plus up to six ounces of lead without undue strain on the rod, would be the most appropriate for ocean bottom fishing. Heavy duty surf reels spooled with a minimum of 15 lb. test, preferably Ande line, will complete the basic items needed to get your bait to where the fish are. Waders, top, sand spike and possibly a gaff are important items but a novice angler could make do without them if he doesn't mind getting wet and is willing to hold his rod at all times. Of more importance are the articles which make up what is commonly referred to as the terminal gear.

South shore fishermen will invariably use pyramid-shaped sinkers in weights ranging from four to six ounces. Except in a few locations the bottom is comprised of clean, unobstructed sand; a benefit on most occasions, but one which poses a problem when the surf is exceptionally hign or a powerful lateral sweep is encountered. Since many anglers feel they can achieve better results when the surf is in an unsettled condition, they will employ various techniques which will enable them to at least make a respectable effort to catch fish before being forced to call it quits. Placing the terminal rig in the depths of a pocket, for instance, could provide that extra period of time before it is swept away, increasing the chance of being detected by a passing fish.

Certain veteran surfmen will experiment with the design of the sinkers, some maintaining that the three-sided pyramid, favored on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, tends to hold bottom more effectively. Other anglers attest to the value of driving nails into the sides of a pyramid sinker, the theory being that these projecting spurs will reduce the tendency of the sinker to roll with the tide or the push of a strong surf. All of these tactics will be helpful to a certain degree, but there is a point when all manner of tricks will be to no avail, even doubling up on the sinkers to a point where they would be difficult to cast. At such times, a trip may be saved by moving inside an inlet where the direct force of the ocean's fury is somewhat reduced. If this is not possible, a cast and retrieve technique may be used to salvage an impossible situation. The baited rig is worked in a manner similar to that of an artificial lure. The rig is cast seaward where it settles to the bottom; now with the crashing waves pushing the rig towards the beach, the slack line is slowly taken in until the bait reaches a point near the shore where it is unlikely to be found by any sizeable fish. It should be pointed out that if one is experiencing difficulty in holding bottom, the cork float can be dispensed with entirely.

The selection of baits most commonly in use along the south shore of Long Island are bunker, mackerel, butterfish or live eels. These are a surfman's primary baits during the fall season, but at other times of the year impressive scores will be made by those using clam bellies, crabs or the ever popular sandworms. It is not necessary to conjure up fancy terminal rigs for the standard fishfinder rig will suffice in all cases when working the ocean surf from mid-September to the end of November. The only exception being that the cork float should be eliminated when live eels are being used as bait.

The type and style of hook which is used is determined by the variety of bait. In any case, this is autumn and we are all optimistic, believing the fish taking the bait will be large. For cut bait, a 5/0 or 6/0 Siwash is a favorite; whereas live eels require something similar to the bronzed tuna hook or the offset Mustad, either in a size comparable to that used for cut bait. Those who insist on using sandworms or clam bellies should be equipped with 5/0 Eagle Claw bait holder hook which features two slices in the shank to help keep the bait in position. Experienced bait fishermen are mindful that the points of all hooks are honed to extreme sharpness and that this point should be exposed after the bait is placed on the hook to ensure instant penetration when a strike does occur.

If an angler has any choice on where to cast his bait, it should be into areas such as is found where a sluiceway returns to the sea, the waters trapped along an inshore trough. Deep pockets, sloughs or any unusual bottom formations should be explored. If such prime locations are already taken, try to set up as close as possible without interfering with those already in position. If you are outfished badly enough, you'll be in the right place on the next trip for sure.

There are few opportunities during the course of a season where other, less die-hard fishing buddies can enjoy the thrill of tangling with a decent sized game fish. Thanks to the reproductive capabilities of the sand eel species, such daylight activities are now possible for the hard-nosed beach rat and the casual fisherman alike.

OUTDOOR WRITERS DISCOVER MONTAUK

by Al Ristori

There's an old saying to the effect that we never really appreciate that which is very familiar or convenient to us. Having had the opportunity to travel over a good bit of the globe and sample some of the finest fishing, I nevertheless still regard Montauk as possibly the best fishing area in the world. Despite all the pressure, the quality and variety of the angling is hard to beat—and it is all well-developed and readily accessible to the sport fisherman. Yet we tend to take this for granted, and outdoor writers from other parts of the country often have no idea just how good the fishing is at Montauk.

During the second week in September, over 40 outdoor writers from Florida to New Brunswick had a chance to see just a little bit of what Montauk has to offer courtesy of Lowrance Electronics. A few years ago I had Darrell Lowrance, the dynamic president of the country's largest marine electronics firm out for some October full moon bass fishing. Shortly thereafter, Lowrance started putting on get-togethers for outdoor writers in various areas such as the Great Lakes and Pacific Northwest. During one such fishing session in Margate, New Jersey last summer, I suggested to Darrell that he hold another in Montauk after Labor Day. It was too late to get things going last year, but the Lowrance PR people (Thayne Smith and Tony Caliguri) and northeast rep Mark Ames got right to setting up the second week in September this year.

Initially I lined up a few boats for Lowrance, but when the invitations went out, the acceptances came in so fast that additional boats had to be brought in from Connecticut. Well over 40 outdoor writers eventually showed up for at least part of the three-day affair which was based out of the very pleasant Royal Atlantic Motel on the beach and Star Island Yacht Club.

The original idea was to give the outdoor writers a taste of the Montauk variety fishing while also having the opportunity to judge the performance of the Lowrance graph recorders. Each of the cooperating skippers was set up with the incredible, computerized Lowrance X-15 during the spring or summer, and all have been getting excellent results with them. The X-15 has taken the country by storm since it transforms a four inch paper machine into one having big graph capability by allowing the operator to punch in any 10 foot range. Thus, if you're bottom fishing in 120 feet of water you can press 110 upper limit and 120 lower limit and blow up that 10 feet you're interested in to cover the entire four inches of graph paper. Since the X-15 will read to over 1,000 feet and is completely waterproof (can be washed down with a hose), it was an instant success and inspired an unprecedented wave of price-cutting.

A good run of giant tuna at Montauk this season made entertaining out-of-state writers a pleasure.

The one problem with these outdoor writer trips is that late getaways are the standard. By the time we're finished with breakfast, a short meeting, boat assignments and getting bait, half the morning is gone. Indeed, we left Montauk Harbor that Monday morning around 10AM—and most of us were going tuna fishing at that hour!

The large charter boat "King Wayne" had done a number on school and medium tuna the day before about 18 miles south of the point. They also had one giant, but the season was closed temporarily on this day and we knew we'd have to let any we might luck into go free. A few boats stopped on Cartwright to catch some of the big blues, but most went straight offshore to troll school tuna and then decide whether to chum for bigger tuna or head out for sharks.

As I had a dead battery on my Mako 21, I joined Bob Rocchetta on his Mako 25 cuddy cabin, "Rainbow." Bob had Charley Tota with him, and the rest of our crew consisted of Craig Matthews (Lowrance Jersey rep) and Ken Schultz of Field & Stream. Though other boats were catching school tuna on the troll, we couldn't do a thing except for nailing a skipjack. In the meantime we noticed lots of action in the chumming fleet and decided to switch over. What followed was probably the most exciting day of tuna fishing I've ever experienced—though certainly not the most productive!

Ken Schultz started things off right by catching a 67 pound bluefin on an

Ambassadeur 8600 and 30 pound mono. Ken got the fish in about 10 minutes with no problem. Indeed, I thought he only had a football on. After that, we hooked only considerably more active tuna. The 30 pound lines with 50 pound leaders got hits almost immediately, but the fish were far too big to be stopped. The first two fish were cut off in other anchor lines, and then we got a double hook-up which turned out to be a case of Ken and Craig both into the same fish. That one was another "smoker" and even the two 30-pound rods didn't slow it down a bit. The one-sided fight lasted about 10 minutes before one leader was frayed through and then the other line mercifully broke.

At that point we realized that while the light lines and leaders provided instant action, we were into fish too big to handle on such tackle. With the light rigs set aside, I soon hooked up on an 80 pound outfit with 300 pound leader by working the herring tail in the slick. That fish was definitely a giant which was lost about 45 minutes later due to a maneuvering problem. Back on the ball, we soon lost a medium fish at boatside on a lighter leader, and Ken then fought a giant for awhile before the Dacron cut into some line down in the spool that wasn't packed tightly enough. By 5:50 we had hooked up again. A big tuna came right through our slick a few times and I finally hooked up. We hoped it was another one, but as time passed it was obvious that I had the 600 pounder—or he had me, depending on your point of view. Ten minutes short of two hours I had the fish 50 feet under the boat and stopped. I was gaining inch by inch when, suddenly, the hook pulled out.

All that afternoon we hadn't been unique in hooking up. Everyone was into tuna of all sizes, though few of our boats were prepared for big ones. One boat just drifted and jigged, and ended up with a nice batch of footballs. A few large schoolies and at least one medium were boated, but everyone using bait invariably hooked into giants. All were lost, though some of the fights were spectacular. Don Mann, of Miami, lost one after 2½ to 3 hours while fishing on Gary Guidone's 22 foot Aquasport "Beaver Patrol" out of East Haven, Connecticut. That was one of the few small boats in our fleet with giant tuna experience and properly set up with a Carl Johnson chair in the bow. Darrell Lowrance was on another such boat, but he broke off a giant on 130 pound after two hours when they "pinned" the reel and decided to go for broke. Many of the other boats (such as ours) had only portable chairs in the stern and still others had no chair at all. On Mark Brett's Mako they were still fighting a giant when we lost ours. They had it on an Ambassadeur 10,000C with 50 pound mono and were 12 miles south of the fleet when we started running out to them. With that small reel they had no chance, but also not enough drag to break 50 pound. Fortunately, just at dark (and after five hours) they did break off.

You can imagine the stories that were being told at the Royal Atlantic that night! The forecast was for 10 to 20 northeast the next day and we were looking forward to a day of rest. However, the weatherman blew it for the second day in a row. It wasn't flat calm again, but the northeast breeze was light—so light that the America's Cup Race was called off. This day many of the boats were more experienced and a lot better prepared. Some opted to fish for the big blues at Cartwright and one boat caught fluke to eight pounds along the south side. Lou Rosado went sharking with his "Daiwa" and got a couple of blue sharks and a brown. However, most stuck with the tuna and got into action almost as good as the first day's.

Fortunately, the results were a lot better. Bob Rocchetta had everything squared away on the "Rainbow" and our crew worked together in fine fashion. On this day it consisted of Newsday's Nick Karas, Ken Moran of the New York Post and Scott Shane of Travel/Holiday. It was 11:30 before we got out there, but I only got a chance to work a line down once before hooking up. We had a frantic ride through the fleet before releasing a giant a little over an hour later. Before the day was out Ken Moran tied into a bigger giant and that one was released in an hour and a half. Both were well beaten by the time we could get them to the side of the small boat, and Bob had to ride them around on the leader for awhile to revive them. Don Mann made up for that lost tuna the day before by releasing a 500 pound class giant on the "Beaver Patrol," and Howard Bach, from Pennsylvania, released one of over 600 pounds after a 3½ hour fight from a bow chair on the "Wishbone III," a 21 foot Hydro Sport run by Craig Gaunya (the rep for Eagle Electronics, a division of Lowrance) and assisted by Mark Ames.

Needless to say, everyone was delighted with the fishing. When the northeast blow finally arrived on Wednesday, all were ready for a day off in any case.

Thanks to the people from Tulsa (Lowrance units are engineered and made completely in the U.S.), there are writers scattered across a good part of the eastern United States who are now writing about the incredible fishing available at Montauk—and we didn't even show them very much of what is actually available! The Chamber of Commerce couldn't buy all that publicity with their entire budget, but the charter and party boats, motels, and other businesses should all reap the benefits in years to come. Meanwhile, we can sit back and properly appreciate what nature has put in our laps—and thank the many Montauk pros for developing the fisheries to the point where even novice boatowners can quickly start making big catches.

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For many years the Sport Fishing Institute urged the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to undertake a definitive economic profile study of the marine recreational fisheries industry. Such data are necessary to gain economic insights with respect to the recreational fisheries comparable to economic values long held and appreciated with respect to the commercial fisheries.

As a result, late in 1975, NMFS invited proposals for such a study. Early in 1976, from among a number of related submissions, the NMFS selected and awarded a contract to Centaur Management Consultants, Inc., Washington, D.C., to conduct the study.

In 1982, SFI sought to update the 1977 Centaur report. This was accomplished as a segment of a Saltonstall/Kennedy (S/K) funded study titled, "An Assessment of Economic Activity Associated with Marine Recreational Fishing and an Analysis of Development Opportunities in Marine Recreational Fishing." That work has been completed and the following information is from Phase I of the final S/K report.

The specific goals of the project were the following:

- Determine the value of goods and services purchased by recreational fishermen in association with saltwater sport fishing during 1980.
- Determine the value added, employment, wages and salaries, and capital expenditures associated with purchases by marine recreational fishermen in 1980.
- Determining the number of establishments in the individual economic sectors serving marine recreational fishermen.
- Project the multiplier effects of expenditures for saltwater sport fishing as determined using input-output analysis.
- Document the distribution of the national economic impacts associated with saltwater sport fishing for the various coastal states under the jurisdictions of the Regional Fishery Management Councils.

The S/K funded study follows the format and procedures of the 1977 study by Centaur Associates, "Marine Recreational Fishing," where the economic activity associated with marine recreational fishing in 1972 and 1975 was estimated.

Centaur found that in 1975 retail sales of goods and services related solely and specifically to marine

The economic impact of marine recreational angling is beginning to get the attention it deserves.

recreational fishing (MRF) totalled nearly $1.9 billion. This amount of MRF business activity provided 50,690 person-years of direct employment, and $361 million of associated wages and salaries. It also generated $735 million of direct value added to the economy and $68 million of annual capital investments.

For 1980 the retail sales associated with marine recreational fishing were approximately $4.0 billion. In addition, there were over $1.5 billion in wholesale sales and another $1.5 billion in manufacturing sales related to saltwater sport fishing. The value added at the three market levels totalled nearly $1.8 billion. Of that amount, $786.9 million were for wages and salaries. The wages and salaries resulted in 65,224 person-years of employment. Associated with the sales estimates was $160.6 million in capital expenditures during 1980.

Marine recreational fishing was defined to be catching, or attempting to catch, finfish in oceans, bays, sounds and other tidal waters for sport or recreation.

The economic activity associated with marine recreational fishing was estimated by first determining the retail purchases by saltwater anglers for the following types of expenditures: fishing tackle, boats, outboard motors, trailers, marinas, commercial sport fishing vessels, food, restaurants, lodging, public transportation, private transportation, bait, boat fuel, and boat insurance.

In addition, expenditures for "other" items such as launch fees, pier fees, special clothing and magazines were estimated. The estimates of the expenditures associated with marine recreational fishing (which does not include inland or freshwater fishing) were derived in most cases from the sales in the entire industry. Therefore, estimates were made in this study of the sales in the entire industry as well as those associated with marine recreational fishing. Projections of sales were estimated at the retail, wholesale, and/or manufacturing trade levels where appropriate.

National economic impacts were allocated to the individual regions based on the proportion of national participation and the average trip costs by region. Marine recreational fishing in the Gulf of Mexico Region resulted in an estimated $1.3 billion in retail sales and was the highest of any region. Recreational fishing in the Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic Regions in 1980 resulted in retail sales in excess of $870 million in each area.

Recreational fishing in the Gulf States Region resulted in approximately 33 percent of total marine recreational fishing related sales. Marine recreational fishing in the Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic Regions resulted in 25 percent and 22 percent of total saltwater sport fishing related economic activity, respectively. Marine recreational fishing in the New England and the Pacific Regions accounted for less than 20 percent of the national economic activity associated with marine recreational fishing.

The expenditures marine recreational fishermen make have additional effects on the economy. Often called multiplier or "ripple impacts," these effects occur when the businesses where saltwater fishermen make purchases in turn make purchases from their suppliers. These suppliers make further purchases to accommodate the demand from the directly affected business. The multipliers used in this study were derived from existing input-output models calculated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Bureau of Economic Analysis and generally ranged between two and three.

The total economic impact of marine recreational fishing was $7.5 billion. Of the $7.5 billion, $3.9 billion was value added and $1.7 billion was wages and salaries. A total of 119,538 person-years of employment was generated. Marine recreational fishing resulted in $315.2 million of direct and indirect capital expenditures in 1980.

The estimates of the retail sales in 1980 associated with marine recreational fishing were compared with the estimates for 1972 from the 1977 Centaur report. The 1972 and 1980 estimates were compared in both current and real dollars. The 1980 estimates were adjusted to 1972 dollars by using the specific consumer price indices for each category of goods and services.

In current dollars, expenditures for saltwater angling increased 185 percent between 1972 and 1980. The largest percent increases were for food, lodging, transportation, and boat fuel. The change in retail sale of fuel was caused primarily by the large increase in fuel prices, and increased number of fishing trips over the period.

The real growth (corrected for inflation) of expenditures associated with saltwater sport fishing was $47.5 billion or 3.4 percent annually. Between 1972 and 1980, the real value of retail sales in several categories decreased. This was particularly true for boat and boat-related durable purchases. Expenditures for commercial sport fishing vessels also decreased significantly in real terms.

Major increases in real expenditures occurred for non-durable, trip-dependent expenditures. This was no doubt the result of increased participation in marine recreational fishing between 1972 and 1980 which caused increased real spending for fishing tackle, bait, and other trip-dependent expenditures.

Employment resulting from marine recreational fishing increased drastically between 1972 and 1980 with 2,380 additional person-years of employment being created annually. Total direct employment in 1972 was projected at 46,500 person-years and increased to 65,205 person-years of employment by 1980.

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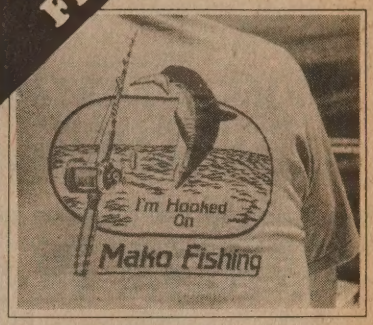

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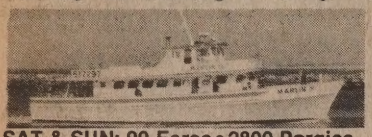

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East End REPORT
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For anglers keeping their lines wet this past week very good catches of tuna continue to be had, decent showings of stripers and catches thereof are being made by those who do it right and of course, the blues are still in huge numbers. Porgies are still being caught.

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A call from the charter boat **Montauk** described Tuesday's charter for the Jerry Moran as probably the best tuna trip of the season, with 32 bluefins taken from 68 to 115 lbs. on bait and on jigs south of Block. On the boat's bass trips, they've been getting up to 6 bass a trip to 22 lbs. on both umbrellas and bucktails. This has been around the area of the Triangle. Blackfishing is picking up at Shagwong on green crabs.

A call from Captain John DeMaio of the charter boat **Vivienne** told of Monday's half day morning trip on which 10 stripers were taken. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were wiped out due to weather. Saturday's day trip resulted in eight stripers, four weaks and a load of bluefish for the charter. Saturday night's charter for Rockville Centre dentist Dr. Jeff Scherer which was a one-man casting charter resulted in Jeff and John taKing 14 bass and three weaks. Included in this catch was a 49 lber. taken by Jeff on 15 lb. test line and bait casting gear. Terminal tackle was one of the skipper's homemade buck-

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It was four stripers and plenty of blues on the charter boat **Ebb Tide** for the Mower party Saturday. The same group chartered the boat for Sunday, hoisting a 31 lb. bass and another solid catch of blues on Great Eastern on umbrellas. Cartwright is still holding a lot of big blues.

Seven hundred pounds of porgies was the catch for the Ted Gollatz group Saturday aboard the charter boat **Julie III** working Great Eastern on clam bait.

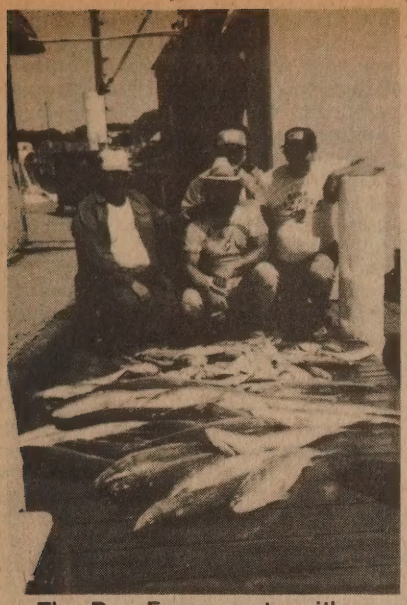
From the **Viking Fleet** comes word that the last Nomans Land trip for porgies has sailed for the season and the program will be starting again next year. The local porgies are so good that the Viking Fleet will be staying in local home waters for these silver slammers. Cod at Block Island has been fair this week with a big mixture of doggies. Big blacks and blues are also being caught on the cod rigs. The night bluefishing trips have ceased for the season.

Aboard the charter boat **My Mate**, Wednesday's party for the Malverne Rotary Club loaded up on blues fishing from Shagwong to the south side on umbrellas. Skipper Joe McBride also advised that the stripers are now showing in greater numbers.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** told of small bluefin tuna in the 60 to 100 lb. class being taken in excellent numbers at the beginning of the week. The Gus Costas charter of Greenport hoisted 20 bft in the 60 to 100 lb. class. The same number was taken by the Sal Ciullo party. A charter for Dan Tuttle group repeated this feat later on in the week. These fish are all taking bait. Bass catches have increased for boats strictly bassing. Each one appears to be getting a few fish and Phil says it looks to him as though Montauk is going to see a late bass season.

Capt. Bill Ricca of the charter boat

Scott Powell of Port Jefferson with a 205 lb. mako he caught this summer aboard the Montauk charter boat, "Adios."



The Don Frazer party with a load of weaks and blues taken casting at Montauk aboard Captain John DeMaio's charter boat, "Vivienne."

Alyssa Ann said that bluefishing on the Cartwright Grounds remains red hot with many fish up into the high teens. A party from Mclean Trucking headed by Dan Rourke loaded up on blues to 20 pounds on Sunday. They used both bait and jigs. The group finished up the day by catching a mess of sea bass and a few big porgies at the Elbow. They also had a couple of false albacore. Bill reminded that there will be good action with cod and blackfish through November. See his ad for details.

SOUTH FORK

From the **Sag Harbor** head boat **Wilhelric II** we learn that blackfishing remains red hot and is getting even hotter at Mad Dog Reef. Skipper Artie Lach told us that on Saturday's trip Pedro Vega of the Bronx took the pool with an 11 lb. 8 oz. black and 24 others. Lee Young and John Zypka, Northport had 50 blackfish to 9½ lbs. while Gloria Molina had 12 of the sluggers. There were nearly 500 blacks caught on Saturday aboard the W II. Though Sunday was a little slower, catches were still excellent. George Dode took the pool with a 10½ lb. blackfish. Art Bellamy of the Bronx had a 9 lber. and 10 others. Green crab was the hot bait and blackfishing is definitely still improving.

From the **Shinnecock Canal** open boat **Jenny Rose** we learn that Captain and crew hit an offshore wreck Tuesday and hoisted over 250 lbs. of sea bass. Blackfishing in the Peconic has been great this past week with catches averaging 25 to 30 fish a man, mostly 1½ to 3 lb. fish. On Sunday, four fares accounted for over

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300 blackfish. The pool went to John Nunziato of Holbrook with a four pounder. During the week several 5 to 8 lb. blackfish were hoisted. Flounder averaging 1½ lbs. have been caught this week in the Basket area.

From **Corr's Fishing Station** in Hampton Bays we learn the flounder fishing has been up and down but took an upwing over the weekend on a rising tide. The east part of the Basket and the east cut along with buoy 1 at the CG station produced thickies to 2 lbs. A few weaks to 10 lbs. have been taken in the inlet on white bucktails while some stripers have hit drifted live bait or bucktails in the Inlet and at the Ponquogue Bridge. These fish have run up to 20 lbs. with the last quarter of the rising tide best. Good catches of blackfish on the west side of the inlet and in the canal when the locks are closed. Frank Marbury, Jim Cornelius, and Mike Polas totalled 65 keeper flounder to 2½ lbs. on the last of the flood.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

The cool weather of this past week hastened the swing into fall fishing and apparently gave flounder fishing a much needed shot in the arm. Blackfishing remains good inside the bays and there were increased numbers of tautogs on ocean wrecks in the Fire Island Ocean reef this week.

Manny Leifer, Jose Burt, and Artruro and George Gomez put away a pile of blues to 16 lbs. during a trip to Cartwright aboard the Montauk charter boat, "Nostalgia II."

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	12:05	12:20	12:40	1:10	12:40	12:55	1:40	1:55	3:15	3:35	3:30	3:50	12:05	12:35	10/27
FRI.	1:05	1:25	1:40	2:10	1:40	2:05	2:45	3:00	4:15	4:35	4:30	4:50	1:10	1:35	10/28
SAT.	2:15	2:30	2:55	3:25	2:50	3:10	3:55	4:10	5:25	5:45	5:35	6:00	2:15	2:45	10/29
SUN.	2:20	2:45	3:05	3:30	3:00	3:20	4:00	4:20	5:50	6:15	5:45	6:10	2:20	2:50	10/30
MON.	3:30	3:50	4:15	4:40	4:05	4:30	5:05	5:25	7:20	7:50	6:45	7:15	3:20	3:50	10/31
TUES.	4:35	4:50	5:15	5:35	5:10	5:30	6:00	6:25	8:20	8:50	7:45	8:15	4:20	4:45	11/1
WED.	5:25	5:45	6:05	6:30	6:00	6:20	6:50	7:20	9:15	9:45	8:40	9:10	5:10	5:35	11/2
THURS.	6:15	6:35	7:00	7:20	6:50	7:10	7:40	8:10	10:05	10:35	9:30	10:00	6:00	6:20	11/3

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 10/27	7:26	6:02
FRI. 10/28	7:27	6:01
SAT. 10/29	7:28	5:59
SUN. 10/30	6:30	4:58
MON. 10/31	6:31	4:56
TUE. 11/1	6:32	4:55
WED. 11/2	6:33	4:53

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 10/27	10:30PM	1:14PM
FRI. 10/28	11:38PM	2:07PM
SAT. 10/29	—	2:52PM
SUN. 10/30	12:51AM	2:30PM
MON. 10/31	1:05AM	3:03PM
TUE. 11/1	2:19AM	3:32PM
WED. 11/2	3:32AM	4:00PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
11/4	11/12	11/20	11/27

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	10:15	**4:05**	10:50	**4:35**
Fri.	11:20	**5:10**	11:55	**5:40**
Sat.	—	**6:10**	12:20	**6:40**
Sun.	11:55	**6:05**	12:15	**6:30**
Mon.	12:45	**6:55**	1:05	**7:20**
Tues.	1:35	**7:40**	2:35	**8:05**
Wed.	2:20	**8:25**	3:20	**8:50**
Thurs.	3:05	**9:10**	4:05	**9:35**

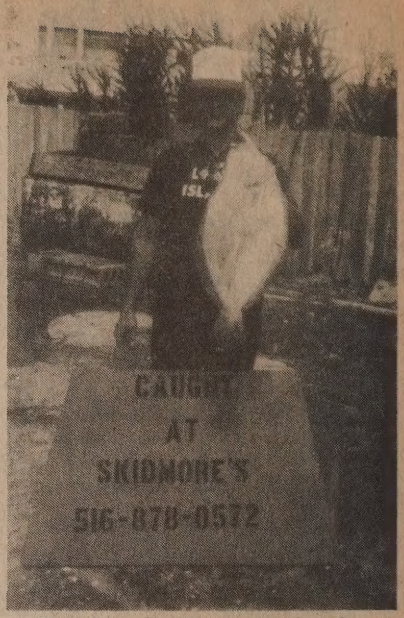
MORICHES BAY & INLET

Surrounded by water, Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** bemoaned all of the rain on Sunday and Monday but was enthused about the much improved flatfish picture. He said that most boats this past week and on Saturday had between 30 and 70 flatties apiece with most of the fish in the 1-2½ pound class. On Saturday, George Linkus, Charlie Coffie, and Ed Merrill put away 75 large flounder at Haven's Point. They used bloodworms and chummed heavily with mussels. Heavy mussel or clam chum is vital to a good score. The fish bit well on both tides on Saturday while on Sunday the best fishing was confined to the morning flood when one boat returned with 50 flatties.

Jim DeVita of **Skidmore's Fishing Station** echoed similar sentiments noting that the flounder fishing was much improved this week with plenty of good sized fish being taken in the vicinity of Haven's Point.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello spoke of some improvement in the flounder fishing but most boatmen continue to concentrate their efforts on blackfish on the Kismet Reef and near the R.M. Bridge. Big news from Paul was that there was a decent showing of big stripers in Moriches Inlet this week. Among those who clicked with bass on Friday night were Pete Miglionico who took stripers of 25 and 32 pounds and added 6 big weakfish to the box as well. Same night, Steve Carr and Nevill Hugelmeyer teamed to take bass of 23.8 and 46.8 pounds. Paul weighed a 36.8 pound striper for Tom Ganetis of the Patchogue Fishing Club. It was taken Saturday night but was an import from Montauk. All of this boat action has been confined to drifting live bait.



Bill Wuestefeld caught this 6.4 lb. fluke in Moriches. He fished out of Skidmore's Fishing Station in East Moriches.

From **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Dave Canale spoke of a quiet week and weekend but added that blackfishing remained good on the Kismet Reef, at the R.M. Bridge and at the WR buoy. Flounder fishing improved slightly but still picky with the best bet probably being the vicinity of buoy 2. Bluefish of mixed sizes come and go at the inlet but no word on bass in the area. For freshwater fans, some nice trout continue to be taken out of Connetquot State Park. Dave weighed browns and rainbows to 4 pounds this past week.

From **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**, Irene Cioffi said that most of the activity still concerns blackfish which remains good at Kismet. She did have at least one good flounder report, courtesy of her husband Carmine who had a good catch of flatties in the Lighthouse area on Sunday.

Flounder fishing improved somewhat this past week according to Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore**. Fish were caught at the Sore Thumb and in the State Channel at Gilgo. Still good blackfishing at Kismet and the Coast Guard Station. Steve Egbert had 20 tautog to 6½

EDITORIAL: Process to Develop Weakfish Management Plan Begins

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evidence that weakfish are toxic chemical contaminated in any significant and general way. Thus, among the big three game fish—weaks, bass, and blues—weaks stand alone as uncontaminated.

The shrimp fishery discard of weakfish is another matter. We can't tell shrimpers to stop shrimping and the weaks are commonly with the shrimp. However, here, too, there is a bright spot. New technology may provide a means of solving this old problem. When in the net of a trawl, the weaks tend to swim down and the shrimp up. Thus, a new type of net is under development and includes a harvest cod-end for the shrimp and a lower escapement pouch for the weakfish. There will still be an incidental catch of weaks, but it should be minor.

To be sure there are other possible management strategies that will need to be considered. I'm sure that some of these will also impact on the fishery in northern waters. No one can be sure at this time what recommendations will be made, however, the elimination or reduction of the waste in southern waters must be a high priority.

The sequence of events should be as follows and should be similar to what took place when the ASMFC developed recommendations for the states on striped bass management. It is thus important to note that the ASMFC will only develop recommendations. We have reason to believe that representatives at the October meeting of the ASMFC will establish a group to develop the recommendations. The group will consist of scientists, fisheries managers, and citizens reps from the East Coast states. In such matters, one state is charged with the primary responsibility, or contract. In this case, it will likely be North Carolina. The group will meet on a regular basis, voice local and coastal concerns, review scientific data, accept testimony and then about four years from now a list of recommendations should be finalized and distributed to interested parties. At that point, there will be a lot of pressure on individual states to enact legislation appropriate to the recommendations that will make actual management a reality.

We wish the ASMFC well in this important effort and pledge our support. We will continue to monitor the progress of the group and we will report on this in future issues. Don't expect immediate progress since there are many tricky hills to be climbed. However, we take the point of view that slow and steady often wins the race over recklessness and speed, and under such conditions the final product is often a lot more meaningful.

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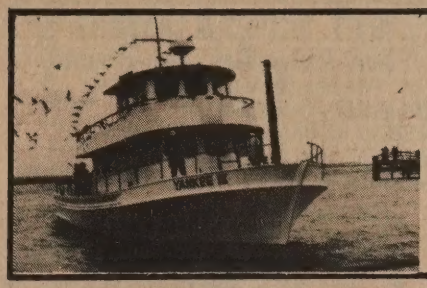

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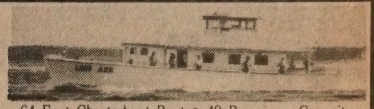

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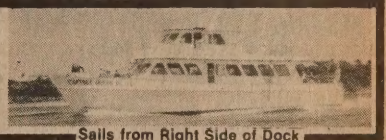

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pounds on the reef Thursday. Big and small blues are outside in 60-80' of water SE of the Inlet for jiggers while some real slammers are being taken on the San Diego and Oregon wrecks. A few bass being taken locally on bucktails and wire near the R.M. Bridge as well as a few teen fish in the State Channel. Carl looked over a catch of 15 stripers from the teens to 44.12 pounds taken by Tony DeVito, Larry Ohler and Steve Golder of the Oakdale Sportsmen's Club. They were taken Friday night along with 300 pounds of bluefish and very likely came from Orient Point.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy Fleet** said that Cherry Grove was hot on the weekend with loads of 1-6 pound fish taken both days along with a few big ones mixed in. While the **Speedy VII** worked over these fish, the **Speedy VI** concentrated on offshore wrecks and found all big blues in the 10-20 pound class on jigs and bait. Speedy said that this Saturday night will be the last night bluefish trip of the season but noted that the VI will continue on the day bluefishing. The Speedy VII will begin looking for cod shortly.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Joseph II** asked that we inform readers that he is finished bluefishing for the season and he extends his thanks for everyone's patronage. Of his ocean wreck trips, he said that action with blackfish and sea bass was good through the week and Saturday but rough seas, strong winds and a moon tide made for only picky fishing on Sunday. Porgies are fading from the picture but more and more blacks are showing each day.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** spoke of super bluefishing this week with only 5 anglers accounting for over 1500 pounds of big blues on a weekday trip. The fish range into the high teens and all the action has been on the wrecks. George asked that we inform readers that he will continue working the wrecks 7AM daily for not only blues but for cod, sea bass and blackfish as well. He will stay with this fishing for another 2 or 3 weeks before sailing full time for cod.

Capt. Carl Passero of the open boat **Jib VI** said that the cool weather resulted in increased numbers of blackfish on the ocean reef. On Friday Tony Campagnino of Massapequa had a 10 pound pool fish along with 12 other blacks. All told, 6 fares accounted for 125 blacks. On Saturday's trip John Gutman of Babylon finished the day with 15 blackfish up to 8 pounds. Sunday was a real tough day, all directly attributable to rough seas, wind and strong tides. Still decent numbers of sea bass mixed with the blackfish and the skipper expects that the good fishing should last at least through November and feels that the best is yet to come.

Fred Austin over at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** said that flounder fishing improved in the State Channel and at Bergen Point this week.

Blackfishing remains good at the Kismet Reef on green crabs or fiddlers. Pat Kilduft of Long Beach weighed a 12.1 pound tautog which he took on the reef during the week. He was fishing aboard the private boat Breezy III and the bulldog was among a 14 fish catch made on green crabs. Best bet for big bluefish is now the ocean wrecks. Dick Orlandi loaded up on big choppers Thursday fishing aboard his private boat Three Sons.

Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** said that blackfishing remains good although this week's moon tides made the fishing a bit more difficult. He expects the action to keep this week as the strong tides subside. A pretty good showing of flounder up to 2½ pounds at Squaw Island this past week. Burgen Point and the State Channel also produced better than the previous week. Flounder fans working the deep holes of the state channel are also taking some huge blue claw crabs in traps. Mike had word of some bass in the 8-10 pound class trolled on white umbrella rigs inside Fire Island Inlet in recent days and knew that a few cod were beginning to show along wit plenty of big blues on the offshore wrecks. White perch being taken on small shiny spoons or bloodworms in back of the T.S.S. Store in Babylon.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Blues, flounder and blackfish continue to make up the bulk of the catches in this area. Bluefin tuna are still being caught in very good numbers offshore for those making the effort.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

We hear from the **Bluefin Fleet** that their bluefishing charters scored well over the weekend fishing to the SW with choppers up to 15 lbs. Mel Patterson was high hook of the week. Local wrecks have been producing blacks to 9 lbs. with sea bass mixed in. The 9 lber. waS taken by Tito of Manufacturers Hanover. On the inside, good catches of flounder and small blacks are being made at all the bridges and local hard bottom.

The word from the **Capt. Al** is that the bluefishing remains from very good to dynamite and now it's mostly big fish from 14 to 20 lbs. Except for Thursday when the boat did not sail catches have been super. Saturday's

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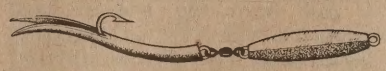

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catch was mostly offshore SE of Cholera and was an absolute slaughter of big fish said the skipper. Sunday it was all the trophy fish you wanted up to 20 lbs. Lines were popping and rods were cracking like it was the end of the world. Al says now is the time if you want to pit yourself against some really giant bluefish.

Joseph Solomon checked this 11 lb. bulldog blackfish in at Skippy's Tackle Shop in East Rockaway. The big tautog grabbed a killy meant fjor a fluke near the Short Beach C.G. Station. Fishing was done aboard the Freeport-based open boat, "Capt. Lou II."

A call from the charter boat **Nan-Sea** told of Sunday's trip for John O'Callahan of International Harvester. After a good mess of blues taken in rough seas, it was back inside for a good pick on the flounder and blacks.

From the **Capt. Lou Fleet** we learned of a super Monday at the beginning of the week on flounder with high hook in the 60s. On Tuesday Bruce, a regular had 54 flatties. Sunday was an excellent day with Dan Borisuck, Sr. and Jr. balling 118 flounder between them. John Taska was satisfied with just 83 fish while Jean Martin had 50 and Bernie Levine, 45. On Saturday, Bob, a regular hoisted a true 3½ lb. flounder, according to Capt. Mike. On the same trip, Don and Tony Baglive had 104 fish. On the half day boat, good catches were made of bigger fish. Thursday morning, Terry, a regular, had 60 all by himself. Don't forget the boat's party being held at the Poop Deck Dock, Nov. 19, at 8:30PM.

From the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** we hear of the very good black and sea bass action at local offshore wrecks on the **Super Spray II**, while Association boats bluefishing found action red hot. Capt. Walt Scott's **Acme II** on Saturday loaded up on huge choppers at 17 Fathoms.

In nearby **Pt. Lookout** the charter boat **Marie III** told of Tuesday's trip or for captain and crew on a private boat fishing SE of the inlet on some hard bottom where 465 porgies from 3/4 to 2 lbs. were caught along with a few sea bass to 2 lbs., all on clam.

Tony Hernandez of Flushing trolled this big dolphin at the HA Buoy on a black and white feather. Fishing was done out of Jones Inlet aboard his boat, 'Little One III'.

Tom Camaia, Joel Karelefsky and Armand Sargente with 50 flatties taken in Swift Creek. Photo courtesy of Ed's Fishing Station in Point Lookout.

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Aboard the **Miss Point Lookout** flounder improved this week despite the moon and its effects. On Monday's PM trip, Karen and Brian Crowley had 48 flatties including a 2 lb. pool winner. On Wednesday's PM trip which was the best of the week, Walt Jerome scored with 56 flounder and 2 blackfish. Walt was high hook of the week. Things slowed Saturday AM, but bounced back in the PM with little Mike bagging 36 flatties. On Sunday's AM trip, Joyce Jacobsen socked it to a 2½ lb. pool flattie.

Fishing aboard the **Capt. Bill** Thursday, Carmine Cesarano belted 25 flounder. Friday and Saturday's high hooks were in the high teens. On Sunday Gabriel and Roland Gurintini had 32 and 26 flounder respectively.

Flounder were a little better this week, reported Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** with the flats producing nicely. Some fish were also caught at buoy 17 and at the CG station. Chumming is a must. Blackfishing has been great at all the bridges, particularly the Long Creek and Loop Bridges. The T wreck was also hot when you could fish it. A few large weaks and blues are being caught at the mouth of Swift Creek on live bait.

The word from the **Island Park** open boat **Commordore** is of super flounder catches for their fares working Reynolds Channel. Fares have been averaging 30 to 50 fish a man for the last three weeks with fish going from a half to three-quarters. Pools have been 1½ lb. variety fish with worms working best.

From **Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook** come more reports of continued solid blackfish catches at all the bridges and on mussel bottom. Fair flounder fishing with fish to 2 lbs., best catches in the deep holes. Good school bassing has been done this week on the Tin Can t hrough Friday with Tuesday the best day. One

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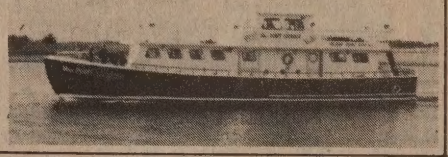

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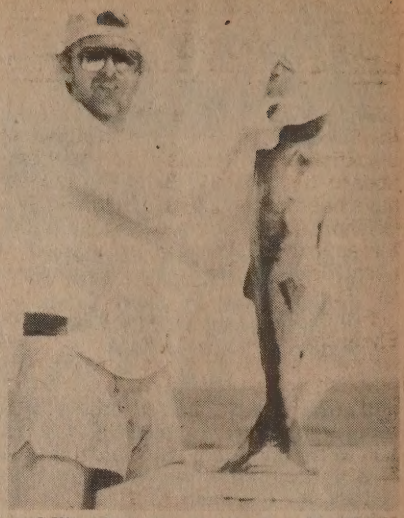

Mike Keigler hefts the 20 lb. blue he took on a bunker chunk in New York Bight this summer.

private boat had 64 bass taken on Nordic Eels and bait tails.

The word from **Long Beach Sports Marina** is of some good flounder catches at buoy 7, Cedarhurst Yacht Club and Cement Block Saturday. Super blackfishing continues at both ends of the ABB, the gong buoy and the Silver Point Jetty. Some blues wre trolled off Lido on umbrellas, these fish 8 to 9 lbers.

A call from Capt. Ron Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** told of Ron's beginning trips for bass on the upside of the moon resulting in good catches of schoolie fish on trolled umbrellas. Some bonito and albacore are mixed in. Ronnie knew of a 50 lber. taken in the Jones Beach area on bait and three fish in the 30s on bait. Some weaks also being caught on bait in the inlet mouths.

Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** also was ecstatic concerning the super blackfishing at the AB bridge, Silver Point Jetty and Rockaway's 17th Street jetty on fiddlers and greenies for 1-4 lb. blackfish. Flounder also being caught at the Island Park railroad trestle, Duck Point, Cedarhurst Yacht Club, Magnolia Pier area and Bannister Creek on bloods. Big blues from 12 to 20 lbs. taken on the weekdn at buoy 4 on bait and chum. Al weighed in a 12 lb. 6 oz. and a 12 lb. 13 oz. weak taken in Debs Inlet on live bunker.

The **Howard Beach** open boat **capt. Mike** reported very good flounder fishing all week. On Saturday fish went 1 to 2 lbs. Sergio Digolbi of Richmond Hill, had 43 flatties. Louis Negron and John Rodriguez of Brooklyn totaled 81 flatties between them. Thirteen year old Bob Battaglia Ridgewood had 38 flatties. Sunday's high hook was 29 fish for John Mella, despite the wind and rain. All fish are being caught on worm and mussel combos. Best action has been in deep

water near Silver Hole and at the Marine Parkway Bridge.

NEW YORK BIGHT

From Wee Willie at **Mike's Tackle in Sheepshead Bay** we learn the blackfishing continues to be excellent aboard the **Pilot II**. Bluefish catches have been very good at Farms and 17. Offshore tuna fishing continues to be fantastic for the boats venturing forth. Local flounder fishing was classified as "fair."

From the open boat **Flamingo III**, at **Sheepshead Bay** the word was that when the weather lets you get out the bluefishing is red hot at the Farms and 17 Fathoms. These are BIG bluefish. Catches are made mostly on bait at anchor. People are pulling fish at will most of the time.

Captain George of the **Pastime II** called to say that flounder catches have increased a lot this weekend after the weather from the northeast left the area. Sunday's fares had very good faLl flounder action. Anthony Parisi and Deep Water John were high hooks with 26 and 28 flounder to 2 lbs. Sand worms and mussels were the hook bait and the skipper worked the deep hooles off Breezy Point and Manhattan Beach.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

The late week northeaster improved overall bass fishing, especially out East, but bluefish to the west appeared scattered. Blackfish angling

Norman Moskowitz shows the five pound king mackerel he caught while bluefishing south of Jones Inlet aboard his 'Sweetie II'. The southern visitor hit an umbrella rig.

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Robert Stewart with a big bluefish he caught aboard the Sheepshead Bay open boat, "Flamingo III." It was taken close inshore, off of Manhattan Beach.

continues to be excellent, but the opportunities for small boats are now limited by weather.

WESTERN SOUND

John Palmieri at **John's Gun** in New Rochelle figured that blackfish opportunities were better than those for flounder, and that the tautog had at least another two good weeks left. Palmieri also weighed a 24 lb. bass taken by Frank Perricone near Hart's Island while plugging aboard the **Beebop.**

Jack Rumpf at **Jack's Bait** on City Island said that tautog in the 5 lb. class with a few larger fish were now available and that flounder action on Eastchester Bay had broken loose as well. The flatties can be taken on the drift or while chumming the incoming.

Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** figured that there were still some bluefish hanging around and that Center Island Reef had some occasional weakfish. Still most of the activity centered around bass fishing off Morgan's, Pryble, and Stehle's. Many of the bass are tiny but there are a few fish to 6 lbs. and worm trollers have been doing well off Port Washington. Spotty blackfishing obtains on 4 lb. fish in the normal areas.

Pete Pearson and the **Klondike VIII** crew enjoyed six hours of tuna action near the canyon on Wednesday. Fish were 60-100 lbs., and were taken on 80-130 lb. class gear. Closer to home over the weekend, Pearson took his fares to Lloyds, Eatons, and Buoy 24C

with picky results on shallow water blackfish with green crabs.

Fiddlers are best for tautog in shallow 15 to 30 foot depths, according to the Cerbones on the **Apache**. High hooks have been running between 25 and 30 with most fish 3 to 5 lbs. and pool winners 9½ and 11 lbs. over the weekend. Only 5 ounces of lead did the job. Most of Cerbone's action has been up Lloyd's way.

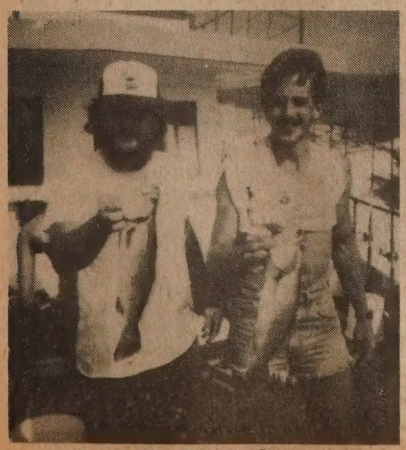
NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Ronnie's in Huntington Station explained that school bass in the 5-10 lb. class were still being taken on the tides off Eatons. Low hook long leader worm rigs with five ounces of lead were the key to success. Bluefish were scarce by week's end, but tautog action around Buoy 11B remained quite good.

After a windy week, Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in Northport, still like Eaton's Buoy 13 for the best bass action in the area. Flounder action off the town dock and in the Bay is now steady.

Tim Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jefferson had a few boats working blackfish off Old Field and Crane's on Sunday. The station expects to have good tautog angling right through season's close on the 13th of next month. Big flounder are not anticipated until later. Sal Gattuso at **Sutler's** also anticipates another good three weeks on tautog. He feels that the Pipeline is even better than Old Field when you can get there. Tautog are in 20-30 feet of water where 4-6 ounces of lead are all you need.

Packy Collins reported that the **Packy IV** had 13 bass to 12 lbs. one night last week for Willie Randolph and 12 bass to 16 lbs. on Saturday night for Bill Ophoff. Bluefish were still stick off Eatons and Stratford Shoal with pods in the 2-5 lb. class.



Anthony and Richie Conte with two weaks taken aboard the City Island open boat, "Apache."

High hook George Shover on the **Ever Ready** accounted for some 20 blues and several bass and the boat also had 4 bass on jigs on Sunday. The Ever Ready will be doing some blackfishing on slack water next weekend in addition to diamond jigging.

NORTH FORK

Warren's in Aquebogue was doing a big business before and after the northerly blow, selling green and hermit crabs to blackfish anglers working the Northville Pipe, Mattituck Inlet, and Orient. Flounder were at the mouth of the Peconic River and there were enough small blackfish off Shelter Island to be worth a shot when the sound was too rough.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** finally got some boats out of the Orient Station onto the Sound on Sunday. Blackfishing is getting even better now. Also flounder are available from the Traps and west to Petty's although the fish on the bay

Hank Tobin checked this 11.13 lb. blue at Four Winds Tackle in Huntington. It was diamond jigged aboard the open boat, "Ever Ready II."

side of Orient Point get more action by anglers when the northerlies blow.

The Gut is alive with mixed blues and some bass in all sizes, according

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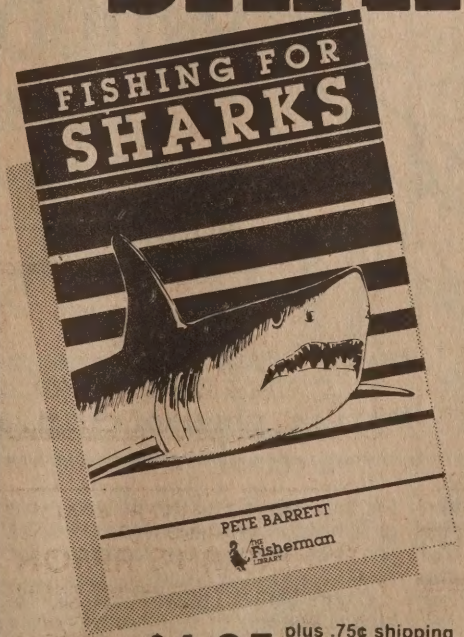

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to Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in Greenport. Bucktailing seems to be preferred over fishing with live eels now. The Orient Beach near the New London Ferry is worth a try for flatfish, and most of the spectacular blackfishing is in deep water on Sound wrecks. George Porter of the **Brand X** called to say that Sunday's best tautog weighed an ounce or two on either side of the 10 lb. mark. George assured us that there were so many tautog in the heavyweight class that the boat deck looked like a battlefield. The time of the action was the critical period around slack water. Fishing was in 110 feet of water with green crabs and there were still a few sea bass and porgies taken on soft baits to add to the bags.

Richie jensen posted one of the biggest tautog of the season locally aboard the **Nancy Ann**, an 11 lb. 8½ oz. bulldog, on Sunday afternoon. Jensen has been working a variety of areas and figures that tautog angling "hasn't even started" yet!

Daytime angling for bass was horrible on the North Fork because of tournament traffic. Heavy nighttime seas right through the week provided fair fishing until Saturday, however. While there are a few bass in the 20s and 30s, most fish are 5-12 lbs. and diamond jigs are worth trying for those who know how to use them during daylight hours.

John Rainis fished near Orient and the Islands over the weekend and found local blackfish to be picky for the **Blue Albatross**. Moon tides in 20-25 foot depths didn't help, and Rainis feels that better results are in the offing. Best fish of the season was taken last Friday by Steve Esposito, a 12½ lb. jumbo tautog.

John Duggan called to tell us that the **Peconic Star** continues to special-

Pretty Allison Feryo looks mighty pleased with her first ever bluefish. It was caught off of Eaton's Neck on an Ava 007 jig. Subscriber photo.

ize in porgies with 2½ pounds to 4¼ lbs. recorded in deep water on 10-12 oz. of lead on Sunday. Duggan feels that the wrecks will be worth sticking with and that there are plenty of tautog to go along with the porgies for those who want them. Sunday was indeed a "super day."

Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

An encouraging fall run is shaping up for casters at the Island's east end and along a good stretch of the south shore as well. The Moriches area continued to produce a steady pick of fish including a pretty fair amount of stripers ranging from the teens and up into the 30 lb. class. Weakfish also made an appearance in this area on Friday and Saturday nights. The north shore remains generally lacklustre but a good late run of bass from schoolies up into the teens is still a very real possibility. Blues have been a disappointment along most north shore beaches in recent weeks.

The western south shore, particularly the Atlantic Beach area was alive

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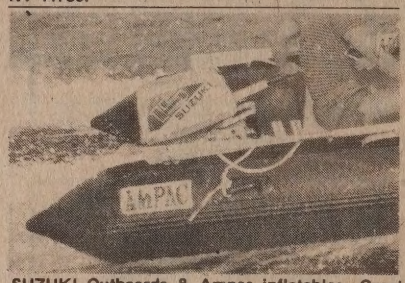

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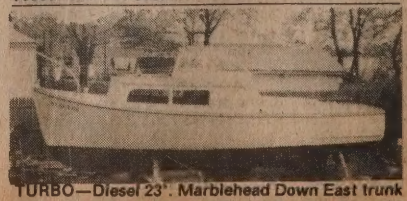

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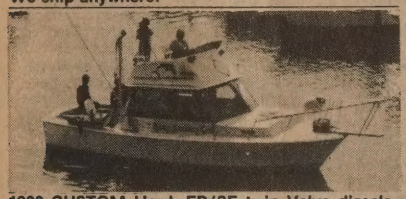

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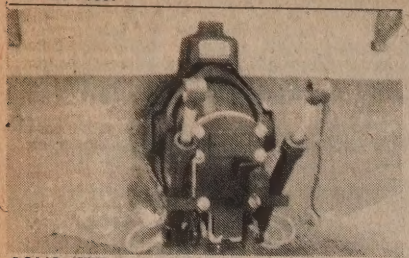

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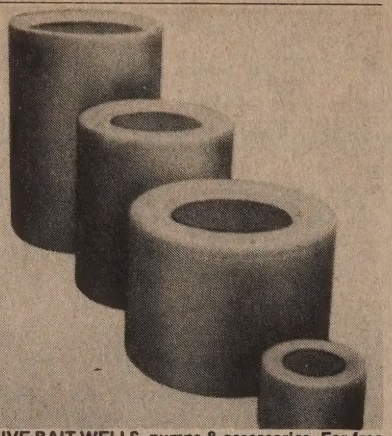

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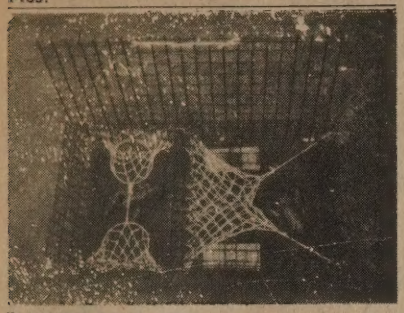

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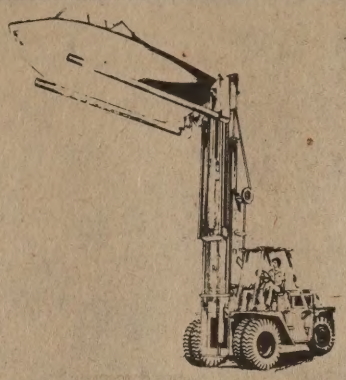

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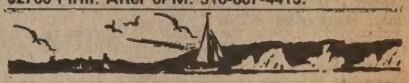
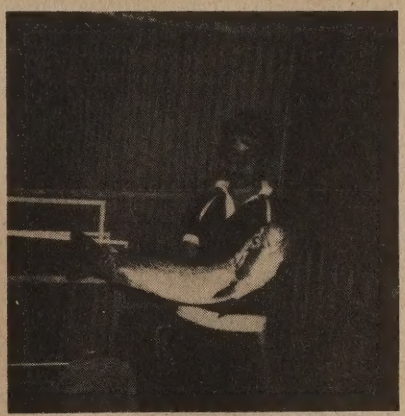


with school bass through much of last week, according to Charlie Beckmann of **Beckmann's Tackle Shop in Lynbrook.** Most of the fish were in the 4 to 6 lb. range with an occasional bass to 12. Rebels, RedFins and Poppers all caught their fair share of fish. On Friday morning, one caster put away 14 stripers to 10 lbs. Charlie also knew that there were big blues up to 18 lbs. taken in the early morning hours inside of Jones Inlet near Short Beach from Tuesday through Friday. He also got wind of blues and a few bass at West End two on plugs and tins. Bunker chunks or eels accounted for most of the bluefish action but some of the choppers were taken on artificials.

Not all of the stripers in the Atlantic Beach surf were schoolies. Perry Cohen of Melville dragged a 50 lb. cow into **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** Saturday morning. It was taken shortly after daybreak on a dead bunker at the Silver Point Jetty.

Scott Greenberg of **Merrick Tackle in Bellmore** knew of a few bass in the teens taken at West End this past week on Needlefish plugs and pencil poppers. There are also some big blues taken on bait and tins through Friday.

The Fire Island Surf was apparently pretty quiet this past weekend according to reports I received. By far, those anglers working to the east along Moriches (both east and west of the inlet) had it all over their Fire Island brethren. A sample of some of the fishing that has been going on to the east came via Paul Graniello of **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue. Paul weighed bass of 15.4, 16.6, 22, 26.9 and 34.3 along with a couple of big



Fifteen-year-old James Urban caught this big tiderunner weak in the Rockaway surf on a Hopkins. Subscriber photo.

blues for Warren Deedy and Great South Bay Anglers Club member Bruce Frohe. The fish were taken Friday night on bucktails. The same night Gary Mar took a 17 lb. striper on a Rebel. Another GSBA club member, George Kalivas teamed with Dick Bianca to put away four stripers on Saturday night. They checked in fish o of 16.8, 17.12, 28 and 33.8 lbs. and told of dropping an equal number of fish. They used 7½ inch Rebels. Same night RoRo Maher caught her first good bass ever. It weighed 17.6 lbs. Also Saturday night Ben Dobrie took a 30.12 lb. striper.Weakfish spiced the fishing for some on the weekend. On Saturday night Joe Cardamone and Gary Hollins found four tiderunners on the open beach west of the inlet.

Montauk continues to surrender more than its share of fish. Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in Montauk who's keeping tally for the Montauk Striped Bass and Bluefish Surf Fishing Derby which is headquartered in his shop and sponsored by The Fisherman, said the bass were taken under the Light, in Scotts, Turtle Cove and along the south side this week. The best fishing was late last week with strong east winds creating very tough conditions on Saturday and Sunday. Among those clicking with good fish this week were Joe Bragan Sr. with a 27.8 , Steve Bunai with a 32 and an 18, John Demsheck with a 27 and Bob Higgins with a 36 lber. All were taken under the Light in addition to three fish in the teens taken by Phil Holowinski on Thursday night. He used Needlefish plugs though most fish are being taken on the standard bottles and darters. Carl Fritzsche worked Scotts to the tune of 22 and 20 lb. stripers while Sam Respoli found this week's bass division winner along the south side. It weighed 36½ lbs. Largest blue of the week was taken by Jason Colby on the south side. It weighed 14.15 lbs. and is the current overaLl leader in the bluefish division.John Hachadoorian continues to lead the overall striper division with his 41.14 lb. striper. John added that he also weighed a couple of stripers in the 20 lb. class that were taken in the Ditch Plains area and noted that loads of small blues continue to infest the waters around the point during daylight. A pair of Striper Surf Club members cashed in on Thursday's action under the Light. Leif Gobel and Mike Kaland used bottle plugs to take five bass from 10 up to 27.12 lbs.

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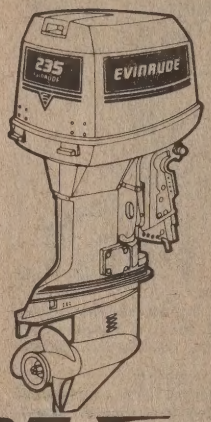

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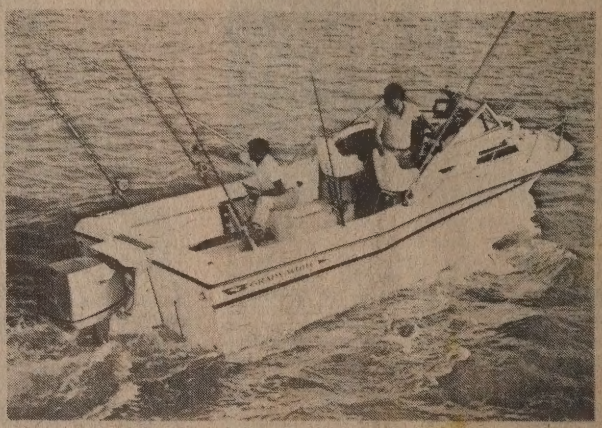

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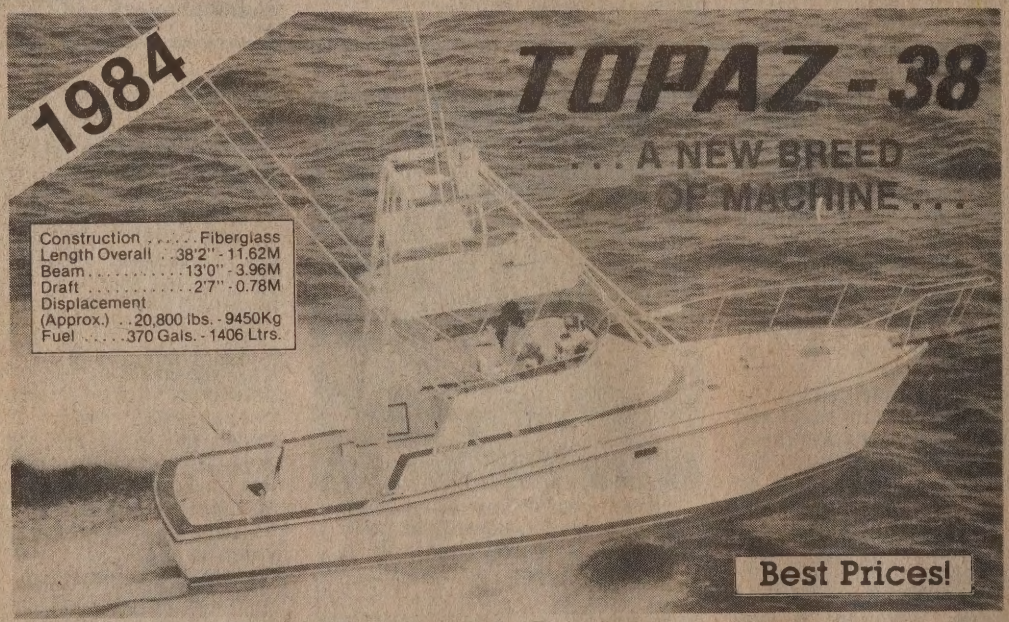
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